

## Trump picks Kavanaugh for court, setting up fight with Dems

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Donald Trump chose Brett Kavanaugh, a politically connected conservative judge, for the Supreme Court Monday, setting up a ferocious confirmation battle with Democrats as he seeks to shift the nation's highest court further to the right.

A favorite of the Republican legal establishment in Washington, Kavanaugh, 53, is a former law clerk for retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy. Like Trump's first nominee last year, Justice Neil Gorsuch, Kavanaugh would be a young addition who could help remake the court for decades to come with rulings that could re-

strict abortion, expand gun rights and roll back key parts of Obamacare.

"There is no one in America more qualified for this position and no one more deserving," said Trump, who called Kavanaugh "one of the sharpest legal minds of our time."

With Kavanaugh, Trump is replacing a swing vote on the nine-member court with a staunch conservative. Kavanaugh, who serves on the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, is expected to be less receptive to abortion and gay rights than Kennedy was. He also has taken an expansive view of executive power and has favored limits on investigating the president.



Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee stands in the East Room of the White House, Monday, July 9, 2018, in Washington.

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# Trump's strained visit with NATO, meeting with Putin

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — With the established global order on shaky footing, President Donald Trump's week-long trip to Europe will test already strained bonds with some of the United States' closest allies, then put him face to face with the leader of the country whose electoral interference was meant to help put him in office.

Trump departs Tuesday on a four-nation tour amid simmering disputes over trade and military spending with fellow Western democracies and speculation about whether he will rebuke or embrace Russian President Vladimir Putin. He meets the Russian leader in Helsinki as the finale of a trip with earlier stops in Belgium, England and Scotland.

Trump has shown little regard for America's traditional bonds with the Old World, publicly upbraiding world leaders at NATO's new headquarters a year ago for not spending enough on defense and delivering searing indictments of Western trading partners last month at an international summit in Canada. On this trip, after meeting with NATO leaders in Brussels, he'll travel to the United Kingdom, where widespread protests are expected, before he heads to one of his Scottish golf resorts for the weekend.

In the run-up to his trip, the president did little to ease European concerns by delivering fresh broadsides against NATO, an intergovernmental military alliance of 29 North American and European countries aimed at countering possible Russian aggression.

"The United States is spending far more on NATO than any other Country. This is not fair, nor is it acceptable," Trump tweeted Monday morning, previewing his message in Brussels. During a rally last week in Montana, Trump vowed that he would "tell NATO: 'You've got to start paying your bills.'" The president



In this May 25, 2017, file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump jokes with British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson as British Prime Minister Theresa May walks past during a working dinner meeting at the NATO headquarters during a NATO summit of heads of state and government in Brussels.

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also bemoaned that Americans were "the schmucks that are paying for the whole thing."

He then laced into German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who will be in attendance in Brussels, complaining about how much the United States put toward Germany's defense: "And I said, you know, Angela, I can't guarantee it, but we're protecting you, and it means a lot more to you. ... I don't know how much protection we get from protecting you."

At the same time, he declared that "Putin is fine" and that he had been preparing for their summit "all my life."

Experts fear the trip could produce a repeat of the dynamics from Trump's last trip abroad, when he admonished Group of Seven allied nations at a summit in Canada before heading to Singapore, where he showered praise on one of America's longest-standing adversaries, North Korea's Kim Jong Un.

"What people are worried about this trip is he'll have equally difficult interactions with his NATO counterparts," including Merkel and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, said James Goldgeier, a visiting

senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and professor at American University, who is an expert in NATO and security alliances. "The main concern is he will spend much of the time berating them on not spending enough on defense" before having "a love fest with Putin, like he did with Chairman Kim," Goldgeier said. He added that if Trump is warmer toward Putin than the leaders of the military alliance that was founded to protect Europe from Soviet threats, it would go "a long way to undermining NATO, undermining the trans-Atlantic relationship, undermining our relationship with our allies." Trump is expected to continue to press NATO nations to fulfill their commitments to spend 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense by 2024. Trump has argued that countries not paying their fair share are freeloading off the U.S. and has threatened to stop protecting those he feels pay too little.

NATO estimates that 15 members, or just over half, will meet the benchmark by 2024 based on current trends. Trump sent letters to the leaders of several NATO countries ahead of his visit, warning that it would be-

come "increasingly difficult to justify to American citizens why some countries fail to meet our shared collective security commitments."

The ties between the U.S. and many of its longest-standing allies have frayed since Trump took office and put his "America first" agenda into practice. He has pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement as well as the Iran nuclear deal, slapped tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, and threatened additional tariffs on products like automobiles.

Although administration officials point to the long-standing alliance between the United States and the United Kingdom, Trump's itinerary will largely keep him out of central London, where significant protests are expected. Instead, a series of events — a black-tie dinner with business leaders, a meeting with Prime Minister Theresa May and an audience with Queen Elizabeth II — will happen outside the bustling city, where Mayor Sadiq Khan has been in a verbal battle with Trump.

Woody Johnson, Trump's ambassador to the U.K., said the president is aware of the planned protests but

insisted that Trump "appreciates free speech" in both countries.

The meeting comes as May is being shaken by a crisis over Britain's exit from the European Union that threatens to tear apart her government. The G-7 world leaders' meeting in Canada last month ended in tumult when Trump suddenly retracted his endorsement of the group's final joint statement after his departure and railed against Trudeau by mid-flight tweet en route to Singapore for his summit with Kim, a meeting that critics said legitimized Kim on the world stage without securing a clear pathway to the denuclearization.

"The president was willing to offer concessions to Kim without getting anything specific or concrete in return," said Jeffrey Rathke, deputy director of the Europe Program at the non-partisan Center for Strategic and International Studies.

He said the decision had sparked "kind of a frenzy" about what concessions Trump might be willing to offer Putin without NATO signoff.

On Putin's wish list: an end to U.S. military exercises in Europe and the scaling back of U.S. forces there. The summit also will offer Putin a chance to try to persuade Trump to lift some of the sanctions imposed on Russia over its 2014 annexation of Crimea, its support for separatists fighting the government in eastern Ukraine and its alleged meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Trump has already met with Putin twice as president, including a meeting on the sidelines of a summit in Germany that stretched for more than two hours. But plans for a full-fledged summit had been delayed amid the FBI and congressional probes into whether Trump campaign aides coordinated with Russia to help Trump win the election. Trump has dismissed those probes as nothing but a "witch hunt." □





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A senior White House official said Trump made his final decision on the nomination Sunday evening, then phoned Kavanaugh to inform him.

The official said Trump decided on Kavanaugh, a front-runner throughout the search process, because of his large body of jurisprudence cited by other courts, describing him as a judge that other judges read.

On Monday, Trump phoned retiring Justice Kennedy to inform him that his former law clerk would be nominated to fill his seat. Trump signed Kavanaugh's nomination papers Monday evening in the White House residence.

Top contenders had included federal appeals judges Raymond Kethledge, Amy Coney Barrett and Thomas Hardiman. Relishing the guessing game beyond the White House gates, Trump had little to say about his choice before the announcement.

Some conservatives have expressed concerns about Kavanaugh, questioning his commitment to social issues like abortion and noting his time serving under President George W. Bush as evidence he is a more establishment choice. But his supporters have cited his experience and wide range of legal opinions.

Ahead of his announcement, Trump tweeted about the stakes: "I have long heard that the most important decision a U.S. President can make is the selection of a Supreme Court Justice - Will be announced tonight at 9:00 P.M."

With Democrats determined to vigorously op-

pose Trump's choice, the Senate confirmation battle is expected to dominate the months leading up to

about his limited policy achievements and chaotic management style. Of the court's liberal justices, Ruth

Kennedy provided a decisive vote in 2015 on an important fair housing case. While the president has

contenders with aides and allies.

The White House invited a number of senators to attend the Monday night announcement, including Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and committee member Kennedy.

Democrats who were invited but declined included Sens. Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, Doug Jones of Alabama, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Dianne Feinstein of California. Feinstein is the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee. The others are Republican targets for the confirmation vote who come from Trump-won states where they face reelection this fall.

Kavanaugh is expected to meet in coming days with senators at their offices, going door-to-door in get-to-know-you sessions ahead of confirmation hearings.

Democrats have turned their attention to pressuring two Republicans, Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, to oppose any nominee who threatens *Roe v. Wade*. The two have supported access to abortion services.

One Democrat up for reelection, Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, announced Monday he would oppose any nominee from Trump's list of 25 possible candidates, drafted by conservative groups. He called it the "fruit of a corrupt process straight from the D.C. swamp."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said opponents were using "40-year-old scare tactics" over abortion and other issues but they "will not stop us from doing the right thing." □



President Donald Trump talks with Judge Brett Kavanaugh his Supreme Court nominee, in the East Room of the White House, Monday, July 9, 2018, in Washington.

Associated Press

November's midterm elections. Senate Republicans hold only a 51-49 majority, leaving them hardly any margin if Democrats hold the line. Democratic senators running for re-election in states Trump carried in 2016 will face pressure to back his nominee.

Republican Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana said he was bracing for a tough confirmation battle as Democrats focus on abortion. Kennedy, a member of the Judiciary Committee, which will get the first chance to question the nominee, predicted a "rough, tough, down in the dirt, ear-pulling, nose-biting fight."

Trump's success in confirming conservative judges, as well as a Supreme Court justice, has cheered Republicans amid concerns

Bader Ginsburg is 85 and Stephen Breyer turns 80 next month, so Trump may well get another opportunity to cement conservative dominance of the court for years to come.

Kavanaugh is likely to be more conservative than Justice Kennedy on a range of social issues. At the top of that list is abortion. A more conservative majority could be more willing to uphold state restrictions on abortion, if not overturn the 45-year-old landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision that established a woman's constitutional right.

Kennedy's replacement also could be more willing to allow states to carry out executions and could support undoing earlier court holdings in the areas of racial discrimination in housing and the workplace.

been pondering his choice, his aides have been preparing for what is expected to be a tough confirmation fight. The White House said Monday that former Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl would guide Trump's nominee through the grueling Senate process.

Kyl, a former member of Republican leadership, served on the Senate Judiciary Committee before retiring in 2013. He works for the Washington-based lobbying firm Covington & Burling. The White House hopes Kyl's close ties to Senate Republicans will help smooth the path for confirmation. Trump is hoping to replicate his successful nomination of Justice Gorsuch last year. The president spent the days leading up to his announcement discussing the pros and cons of various



# Groups mobilize against threat to Oregon's 'sanctuary' law

By **GILLIAN FLACCUS**

**Associated Press**

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** —

Opponents of an Oregon ballot measure that would repeal the nation's oldest statewide sanctuary law on Monday launched a counter-campaign as elections officials scrambled to certify the tens of thousands of voter signatures required to place the issue on a November ballot.

Oregon's sanctuary law is the oldest in the nation and one of only a handful of similarly broad laws in the U.S. — and a battle over its future could draw the famously liberal state into the middle of the national immigration debate this fall.

Joined by law enforcement officials, members of a newly formed political action group called Oregonians United Against Profiling held nearly simultaneous news conferences in five cities Monday across Oregon to voice opposition to the proposed measure. Backers of Initiative Petition 22 turned in more than 105,000 voter signatures by a July 6 deadline; under state law, the measure's sponsors must gather roughly 88,000 valid signatures by that date to get it before voters. It may be another two weeks or more before all the signatures



**In this June 25, 2018, file photo, an unidentified man holds a sign behind a makeshift wall at a protest camp on property outside the U.S.**

are validated.

"We've decided to move ahead so that we have the strongest coalition possible," said Andrea Williams, executive director of Causa, an immigrant rights group. "If it were to pass, we believe that it would take Oregon back to a time when racial profiling was even more rampant than it is today."

The 1987 sanctuary law prohibits state agencies from inquiring about a person's

immigration status if they haven't committed another crime and bans state and local law enforcement from coordinating with federal immigration officials on raids and roundups.

The law, which passed with bipartisan support, grew out of an episode in the town of Independence, where officers singled out a group of Latino men in a restaurant and aggressively interrogated them about their citizenship status.

It was passed to address racial profiling, Williams said, and not to make a political statement about immigration.

"Oregon legislators said that's not the Oregon way and they also said it's not a good use of our resources. It's critical to remind voters this was passed for a real reason in our state and if we were to take it away, it would take us back to a time when Oregonians weren't treated fairly," Williams said.

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# GOP senator warns against trusting Putin 'mafia'

By **LISA MASCARO**

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A U.S. senator who just returned from a congressional trip to Russia warned against trusting President Vladimir Putin, saying that dealing with the Russian government is like "dealing with the mafia." Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., recently went with other GOP senators to see firsthand the Russian economy and meet with government officials. But the meetings, ahead of President Donald Trump's planned summit with Putin on July 16, turned "cantankerous" at times, he said. He described Rus-

sian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov as a "bully."

"There is no political philosophy in Russia. It's sort of like saying, what's the political philosophy of the mafia," Kennedy told reporters Monday on Capitol Hill.

"Their philosophy is money and power. That's the philosophy of Putin. He rules with an iron hand. He's a dictator," Kennedy said. He noted there's "no free press" in Russia and said there's a vast gap in wealth between the elites and ordinary Russians. He said the Russian people "deserve better."

The senator said he had no problem with Trump meet-



**In this June 18, 2018, file photo, Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., listens during a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

ing privately with Putin, but said he doesn't expect a diplomatic breakthrough.

"You can't trust Putin," Ken-

nedy said. "I think the best we can do is try to contain him."

The senators were in Russia

**Associated Press**

liams said.

With help from anti-sanctuary groups, a trio of Republican lawmakers from rural parts of the state sponsored the initiative to repeal the law. A group behind the effort, Oregonians for Immigration Reform, has been labeled an anti-immigrant hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center — a designation it is refuting. Cynthia Kendoll, the group's president, said in a phone interview Monday that because Oregon's state Legislature is controlled by Democrats, a voter initiative is the only way to change immigration law.

Kendoll's group was involved in a 2014 ballot measure campaign that successfully overturned a law passed by the Oregon lawmakers to give driver's licenses to immigrants in the country illegally.

"The only thing this initiative does is give the voters the opportunity to decide if Oregon will be a sanctuary state or not — and they either will or they won't," she said, as she watched elections workers checking signatures. "We're working on giving people the chance to vote on this. Voters very rarely have an opportunity to have a say in immigration policy." □

as part of a congressional visit headed by Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Alabama, chairman of the Appropriations Committee. The trip came ahead of a summit between Trump and Putin in Helsinki.

The senators met with legislative leaders of Russia's legislative body, but Kennedy said the most difficult session was with Lavrov. The meeting, Kennedy said, got off to a rocky start when the senator addressed him as ambassador rather than the expected title.

"We didn't call each other an 'ignorant slut' or anything, but we exchanged words," the senator said. □



# Deal struck to settle discrimination suit against Motel 6

By JACQUES BILLEAUD

Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Motel 6 has tentatively agreed to settle a lawsuit that alleges it discriminated against some Latino customers at two Phoenix locations by giving their whereabouts and personal information to immigration agents who later arrested at least seven guests.

The lawsuit alleges Motel 6 had a corporate policy or practice of giving U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement information that guests provided at check-in. It also accused Motel 6 of providing such information without requiring authorities to get a warrant or without having a reasonable suspicion that crimes were being committed.

Details of the tentative deal, revealed Friday in court records, haven't been publicly released. Lawyers said they need until mid-August to turn in the

settlement paperwork. Motel 6 has agreed in principle to settle the lawsuit, the deal is subject to the approval of a federal judge. Don Bivens, an attorney representing Motel 6, and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which filed the lawsuit in January, didn't immediately return a call Monday seeking comment on the tentative settlement. Lauren Mack, a spokeswoman for ICE, said the agency declined comment on the tentative settlement.

The national budget motel chain said in September that its Phoenix employees will no longer work with immigration authorities after the Phoenix New Times reported that workers were providing guests' names to agents who later arrested 20 people on immigration charges.

In a tweet at the time, Motel 6 said: "This was imple-

mented at the local level without the knowledge of senior management."

Two weeks before the case was filed in Arizona, the Washington state attorney general sued the chain, saying it had violated a state consumer protection law by providing the private information of thousands of guests to immigration agents without a warrant.

The chain has said it had told its more than 1,400 locations that they were prohibited from voluntarily providing guest lists to immigration authorities.

The Arizona lawsuit was filed in federal court on behalf of eight unnamed Latinos who stayed at two Motel 6 locations in the city during June and July 2017. All but one of the eight was arrested.

ICE agents visited some of the guests at their motel rooms a day after they showed passports, driver's



This Sept. 14, 2017, file photo shows a Motel 6 in Phoenix.

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licenses or identification cards issued by the Mexican government to Motel 6 employees, according to the lawsuit.

As a result, one woman was deported from the United States, while a man spent 30 days in a detention center until he could raise a \$7,500 bond. In two instances, ICE agents laughed when guests asked them whether Motel 6 had provided their personal information, the

suit said.

It said the eight guests had a reasonable expectation that their information would not be shared with federal authorities and alleged that the discrimination was made because of their race or national origin. Immigration and Customs Enforcement wasn't targeted in the lawsuit. The agency had no immediate comment Monday on the tentative settlement. □

# Texas church announces \$3M in donations after mass shooting

**SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP)** — A South Texas church has received nearly \$3 million in donations for victims and their families after more than two dozen worshippers died in a mass shooting last year.

The First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs on Sunday announced it received \$2.91 million in donations after gunman Devin Patrick Kelley opened fire during church services Nov. 5. Church leaders said \$840,000 was designated for victim relief, the Dallas Morning News reported. Pastor Frank Pomeroy said about \$2 million wasn't designated by donors and about \$130,000 was donated for a memorial, the church's food pantry and funerals. The church will vote on any expenditure above \$1,000 used from undesignated donations, Pomeroy said.

The \$2.91 million total doesn't include more than \$24,000 designated by donors for specific survivors

or families. Months ago, some donors, survivors and victims' families questioned how the church was spending donations. Churches aren't required to publicize their revenue, expenditures and other financial details. Pomeroy said church leaders couldn't make the financial disclosure until now. It took months for the congregation to sort through the cash and checks and arrange a system for distribution. The donations were sent to the church, a Wells Fargo relief fund and two PayPal accounts. The church has been distributing aid when survivors and victims' families submit forms and receipts for expenses related to the mass shooting, such as hospital bills or renovating homes for disabilities. "I've always believed in transparency," Pomeroy said. "I know it may have made it look like we were not trying to be transparent before, but we just weren't ready." □

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# Starbucks, citing ocean threat, is ditching plastic straws

By **CANDICE CHOI**

AP Food Industry Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Starbucks

will eliminate plastic straws from all of its locations within two years, the coffee chain announced Monday, becoming the largest food and beverage company to do so as calls for businesses and cities to cut waste grow louder.

While the straws account for a small percentage of the pollution that ends up in the ocean, they've become a flashpoint because they're seen as an easy way to reduce waste. "There are several of these single-use items the public is realizing, hey, we don't actually need these," said Denise Hardesty, a scientist with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation who studies plastic pollution.

A week after its hometown of Seattle banned plastic drinking straws and utensils, Starbucks said Monday that by 2020, it will use straws made from biodegradable materials such as paper and specially designed lids.



This March 24, 2018, file photo shows a sign in a Starbucks in downtown Pittsburgh. Starbucks is getting rid of plastic straws at its locations around the world.

Associated Press

The company already offers alternative straws in Seattle.

Other cities, like Fort Myers Beach in Florida, have banned plastic straws, and similar proposals are being considered in New York and San Francisco. The push to ban the straws gained traction after a viral video in 2015 showed rescuers removing a straw from a sea turtle's nose in graphic detail.

The issue of waste more broadly is coming up in

company boardrooms.

In February, Dunkin' Donuts said it would eliminate polystyrene foam cups from its stores by 2020.

McDonald's said it would switch to paper straws in the United Kingdom and Ireland by next year and test alternatives to plastic straws in some U.S. locations.

The burger chain also said this year it would use only recycled or other environmentally friendly materials for its soda cups, Happy

Meal boxes and other packaging by 2025.

Starbucks notes the cups for its cold drinks are made from recyclable materials. Plastic drinking straws make up only about 4 percent of plastic trash by number of pieces, and far less by weight.

Straws add up to about 2,000 tons of the nearly 9 million tons of plastic waste that ends up in waters around the globe each year.

Still, the advocacy group 5 Gyres notes that the top five biggest sources of single-use plastic are plastic bags, water bottles, to-go containers, to-go cups and straws.

Other plastic items have also been targeted in recent years.

Several local governments have enacted bans and fees on plastic bags. Reusable water bottles have also gained popularity as a way to reduce use of plastic water bottles, with refilling water stations popping up on college campuses and elsewhere.

One reason big chains say it will take time to change

practices may be the difficulty in securing adequate supplies.

Imperial Dade, a food service and janitorial supplies distributor based in New Jersey, says it's seen a huge spike in demand for alternative straws in recent months.

"Our biggest challenge is trying to locate alternative sources so we can satisfy the demand," said Laura Craven, the company's director of marketing.

Craven also said she's starting to see more awareness about the need for exemptions for straws that bend, which people with disabilities and others may need. Starbucks says it expects an alternative it has to work in that regard.

The strawless lids will begin to appear in Seattle and Vancouver Starbucks this fall, with phased rollouts within the U.S. and Canada next year.

A global rollout of strawless lids will follow, beginning in Europe, where they will be used in some stores in France and the Netherlands, as well as in the United Kingdom. □

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## Management shift begins at U.S. nuclear weapons lab

**LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP)** —

The U.S. government on Monday cleared the way for a new management team to begin taking over one of the nation's top nuclear weapons laboratories as it looks to rebuild its reputation.

The National Nuclear Security Administration issued an official notice to proceed to Triad National Security LLC, marking the beginning of a transition at Los Alamos National Laboratory that will take about four

months.

Made up of Ohio-based Battelle Memorial Institute, Texas A&M University and the University of California, the management team was announced as the winning bidder in June of a coveted \$2.5 billion-a-year contract to manage the northern New Mexico lab. The University of California has played a key management role at the lab since it was created as part of a top-secret effort during World War II to build the

atomic bomb. The federal government opted to put the contract up for bid following missed goals and a string of safety lapses involving the handling of plutonium and radioactive waste.

The University of California on Monday touted the scientific work done at the lab over the decades — from its role in the Human Genome Project to experiments in nuclear medicine and work on renewable energy and climate change. □

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## U.S. will reunite and release over 50 immigrant children

By ELLIOT SPAGAT  
Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — More than 50 immigrant children under age 5 will be reunited with their parents by Tuesday's court-ordered deadline for action by Trump administration, and the families will then be released into the U.S., a government attorney said Monday. That's only about half of the 100 or so toddlers covered by the order.

At a court hearing, Justice Department lawyer Sarah Fabian acknowledged the government wouldn't meet the deadline for all the children, citing a variety of reasons, including that the parents of some of the youngsters have already been deported. Fabian said that 54 children will be joined with their parents by the end of Tuesday at locations across the country and that an additional five were undergoing final background checks.



In this June 18, 2018 file photo, dignitaries take a tour of Southwest Key Programs Casa Padre, a U.S. immigration facility in Brownsville, Texas, where children who have been separated from their families are detained.

Associated Press

It was the first time the government indicated whether the parents and children would be released or detained together. They will be set free in the U.S. pending the outcome of their immigration cases, which can take several years.

Fabian didn't say why they were being released, but U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has little

space to hold families.

ICE has three family detention centers with room for about 3,000 people in all, and the places are already at or near capacity. The Trump administration is trying to line up thousands more beds at military bases.

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Lee Gelernt told reporters he was "both

pleased and disappointed" with the government's progress toward meeting the deadline.

"Tomorrow there will hopefully be more than 50 babies and toddlers reunited with their parents, and that is obviously an enormous victory," he said. But he said those who remain split from their parents are "in for a long process."

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw ordered both sides back in court on Tuesday to give another update.

The ACLU was drawing up a proposal to shorten the wait for the remaining children. Gelernt said some procedures — such as DNA testing, fingerprinting and requests for other information — were designed for releasing children to distant relatives, not to parents.

More than 2,000 children in all were separated from their parents by U.S. immigration authorities at the border this spring before

President Donald Trump reversed course on June 20 amid an international outcry and said families should remain together.

Late last month, Sabraw, an appointee of Republican President George W. Bush, set a 14-day deadline to reunite children under 5 with their parents, and a 30-day deadline for older children. The 30-day deadline is up July 26.

Monday's hearing set the stage for a dramatic day of reunifications on Tuesday across the country, though they are likely to occur largely outside public view. Fabian did not disclose where the reunions would take place.

As for most of the rest of the under-5 children who have yet to be reunited with their families, Fabian said that their parents have already been released into the U.S., have been deported, or are behind bars on criminal charges. □

## Baby survives 9 hours buried in western Montana woods

**MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)** — A 5-month-old infant who miraculously survived more than nine hours being buried under a pile of sticks and debris in the woods of western Montana suffered only minor injuries despite wearing wet and soiled clothes in cold weather, authorities said Monday. The baby boy is otherwise in good condition, authorities said.

Missoula County Sheriff's deputies were called about 8 p.m. Saturday about a man threatening people in the Lolo Hot Springs area of the Lolo National Forest. Deputies apprehended the

man, who indicated that a baby was buried somewhere in the woods.

The sheriff's office hastily put together a search crew of federal, state and local officials that combed the forest outside the hot springs for six hours before a deputy heard a baby's cry at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. He found the baby face-down under the pile of sticks and debris, dressed only in a wet and soiled onesie in the 46-degree (8-degree Celsius) weather.

"He suffered some minor scrapes and bruising but overall is in good health," sheriff's spokeswoman

Brenda Bassett said in a statement Monday.

The baby was taken to a hospital.

Custody of the child has been referred to the state Division of Child and Family Services, whose spokesman, Chuck Council, did not immediately return a call for comment on Monday.

Francis Crowley, 32, was being held on \$50,000 bail on a charge of criminal endangerment. Additional charges will follow, the sheriff's office said in a statement Sunday.

"For all of us at the sheriff's office, this is what we call



This Sunday, July 8, 2018 photo provided by the Missoula County Sheriff's Office shows a 5-month-old infant with dirt under their fingernails after authorities say the baby survived about nine hours being buried under sticks and debris in the woods.

Associated Press

a miracle," the statement said. "For the officers who were present for this event, it's especially hard knowing what this small baby endured in the last 24 hours."

The nature of Crowley's relationship to the baby was not immediately clear. There was no information on whether Crowley had an attorney. □



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## US, Europe clamp down on migration even as arrivals drop

By **KARL RITTER**  
**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — As NATO allies convene, one issue not on their formal agenda but never far from their thoughts is immigration — even though illegal border crossings are decreasing on both sides of the Atlantic.

The separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border and Italy's refusal to let shipwrecked migrants disembark in its ports illustrate the hardening positions on border control in Washington and European capitals. Lost in the heated political debate is the fact that migrant arrivals in Europe across the Mediterranean from Africa and Turkey are at their lowest level in five years, while arrests on the U.S.-Mexico border — an imperfect but widely used gauge of illegal crossings — are far below levels seen two decades ago.

"The numbers don't support the hysteria," said Joel Millman, a spokesman for the Geneva, Switzerland-based International Organization for Migration. "Politicians know what moves voters, and this is extremely effective in moving voters." In both the U.S. and Europe, immigration is increasingly a key political fault line. One side accuses those cracking down on illegal immigration of scapegoating immigrants for problems such as crime and unemployment, even when the correlation is weak. The other side says politicians are simply recognizing voters' concerns about national identity and poor integration that have long been ignored.



In this June 12, 2018 file photo, Italian Coast Guard approaches the French NGO "SOS Mediterranee" Aquarius ship as migrants are being transferred, in the Mediterranean Sea.

In Europe, the liberal immigration policies that many governments implemented until recently never had widespread popular support, said Ivar Arpi, a conservative editorial writer at Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet. But because Europeans cared more about other issues, such as the economy or education, there was no serious backlash.

That changed in 2015, when 1 million people — most of them from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan — crossed into Europe from Turkey and used the lack of border controls in the European Union to roam freely from the Balkans into Austria and onward to Germany and Scandinavia. That surge and the pressures it put on the destination countries pushed migration to the top of Europe's political agenda, where it has

remained since.

"2015 fundamentally changed Europe. But it is hard to know how big a change is when you still are in the middle of it," Arpi said. "Nationalism or globalism, this is the new divide between people. It trumps left-right."

Immigration is a major theme ahead of Sweden's elections in September, just as it has been in a series of European votes in the past two years, including Britain's referendum on leaving the EU. Far-right and anti-migrant parties have made gains in Austria, France and Germany, while Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban, known for his tough stance on migrants, easily won reelection in April.

Just weeks after taking office in Italy's coalition government, the League — a party vowing to put "Italians first" — has forced

other EU nations to grapple with the issue of sea arrivals, which have placed a disproportionate burden on Mediterranean countries in dealing with those seeking a new life in Europe. Things came to a head when League leader Matteo Salvini, Italy's interior minister and deputy prime minister, closed Italian ports to private ships picking up migrants sailing from North Africa in flimsy boats, saying those volunteer rescuers act as de facto "taxi services" for human smuggling networks. As a result, two rescue vessels have had to carry rescued migrants on a much longer journey to Spain, and another spent days in limbo off Malta until European countries agreed to share the responsibility for the more than 200 people on board.

The crackdown comes as the number of those trying

to make the perilous crossing is dwindling. Sea arrivals in Italy were already down by 80 percent when the new government took office. Across the Mediterranean, about 45,000 migrants arrived by sea in Italy, Greece and Spain in the first half of the year, according to the U.N. refugee agency. That's the lowest level since 2013 and down from about 100,000 in the same period last year. So far this year, 1,400 migrants are believed to have died trying to cross the Mediterranean.

Even German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who refused to close Germany's borders at the height of the migrant crisis in 2015, has toughened her stance. To salvage her government from a rift over migration, she has agreed to set up transit centers to process migrants and potentially turn them away at the Austrian border. German police recorded fewer than 5,000 illegal crossings of that border in January-May, compared with more than 60,000 in the same period in 2016.

Guy Verhofstadt, a former Belgian prime minister and current president of an alliance of liberals in the European Parliament, last week ridiculed concerns over what he referred to as a "so-called" crisis.

"Why I am saying so-called? Because I don't think it is a real migration crisis what we are living in Europe for the moment," he told the assembly, noting that the flow is a tiny fraction of the 68 million displaced people worldwide, according to U.N. figures. □



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## UN: 1 in 4 children live in country of conflict or disaster

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**

**Associated Press**

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — A quarter of the world's children — about 535 million — are living in a country affected by conflict or disaster, the head of the U.N. children's agency said Monday.

Henrietta Fore told a Security Council meeting on children and armed conflict that it is "almost beyond comprehension" that one of every four young people are caught in that situation. She pointed to children and young people whose lives are being shattered by conflicts, including in Yemen, Mali and South Sudan. She also cited youngsters recruited to fight, killed by a land mine or an attack on their school, and "losing hope not only in their futures, but in the futures of their countries."

Sweden, which holds the Security Council presidency this month, organized the open meeting on the theme "Protecting Children Today Prevents Conflict Tomorrow" and sponsored a resolution unanimously adopted by the 15 members to strengthen U.N. actions to ensure the care and safety of youngsters.

"We are not doing nearly enough to protect our children," Swedish Prime Minis-



**Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven addresses media at the Security Council chamber at U.N. headquarters where he chaired a debate on children and armed conflict Monday, July 9, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

ter Stefan Lofven, who presided at the meeting, said, stressing that "350 million children are affected by armed conflict today." The resolution states for the first time that children recruited or caught up in armed conflict should be treated primarily as victims, he said.

It urges all countries "to consider non-judicial measures as alternatives to prosecution and detention that focus on the rehabilitation and reintegration for children formerly associat-

ed with armed forces and armed groups." Lofven said the resolution also for the first time makes the point that the needs and vulnerabilities of girls and boys are different and stresses that access for all youngsters to education and physical and mental health care is essential.

It also sets out a framework to reintegrate children associated with armed groups or armed forces into society, which "places children as part of the solution, not part of the problem,"

he said.

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley told the council that "more than 60 percent of people in conflict-affected countries are under the age of 25." In countries like Afghanistan, an entire generation has never lived in peace, she said.

She stressed the importance of education as "a way to recover from conflict and prevent it in the future," warning that children who grow up uneducated, unskilled and resentful "will be prime targets for recruit-

ment by extremists and armed groups."

Virginia Gamba, the U.N. special representative for children and armed conflict, said she is "profoundly shocked" by the more than 21,000 violations of children's rights in 2017 recently reported by the U.N., a significant increase from 2016.

"The majority of these despicable acts were perpetrated by armed groups although government forces and unknown armed actors played an important part," she said. "Each and every one of them led to unspeakable suffering for children, families and entire communities."

Gamba said the level and severity of the latest violations demonstrate the need for united action "to change the tide of history," including by focusing on prevention and reintegration "to break cycles of violence" against children. □

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## Macron warns of nationalism in palace speech to lawmakers

By **ELAINE GANLEY**  
Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — French President Emmanuel Macron said Monday that the battle between nationalists and progressives will be at the heart of European Union parliamentary elections next year, a “turning point” that will define the Europe of the future.

Macron made the assessment of what he said was Europe’s real crisis during a 90-minute speech before some 900 French lawmakers convened at the Palace of Versailles to hear France’s leader outline his vision for the next four years.

It came as successive polls showed support for Macron sliding. He acknowledged that fear and anger among voters helped get him elected in 2017 and said, “That is why I stand before you ... humble, but resolved.”

Macron’s critics claim that humility is not among his virtues, pointing to his decision to deliver each year a French-style State of the Union address in a gilded hall where members of the upper and lower houses of parliament have no right to respond.

“This reproach is strange,” Macron said of the complaint at the outset.

He announced plans for an amendment to the 2008 constitutional law governing presidential addresses to lawmakers so he can hear and respond to comments next year. It is rare French presidents to convene lawmakers, a ritual



**French President Emmanuel Macron addresses the upper and lower houses of the French parliament at a special session in Versailles, near Paris, Monday, July 9, 2018.**

always done at Versailles, but this was Macron’s second time addressing them in the sumptuous palace since his 2017 election.

Some lawmakers boycotted the session, criticizing the president’s address as the exercise of a monarch. “We are convoked to admire the splendor of Macron the First,” far-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon told Europe 1 radio.

Macron, a former investment banker whose agenda puts a strong accent on economic reform, appeared at times to defend himself from accusations

that he is the “president of the rich.” He said he wants to use his second year in office to “lay the basis for a new social contract.”

His goal, he said, is creation of a “providential state of the 21st century,” a welfare state in which a strong economy with healthy foreign investment guarantees social justice. Far from a welfare state of handouts, Macron said his version would leave no one behind but “make people aware of their responsibilities.” Stressing the need for a dynamic economy, the president said, “If we want

to share the cake, we need a cake.”

Macron said the French state is pumping 15 billion euros (\$17.6 billion) over five years into training youth and the unemployed to help counter what he said was a particularly French inequality, linked to factors such as social status and education that were “decided before birth.”

In one of his boldest remarks, Macron defined rising nationalism as a top challenge bearing down on France and its European Union partners. Countering nationalist forces will be the

battle of the decade in a “too slow, too bureaucratic” EU, he said.

“It will be at the heart of the European elections of 2019,” he predicted, referring to balloting next year to fill the European Parliament, “elections that are a turning point.”

Macron roundly defeated far-right nationalist leader Marine Le Pen in last year’s French presidential election, but populist parties — some with anti-EU or anti-migrant policies — have gained strength in Italy and in numerous eastern European countries. □

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# Yemen demands Emirates shut down prisons where abuses rife

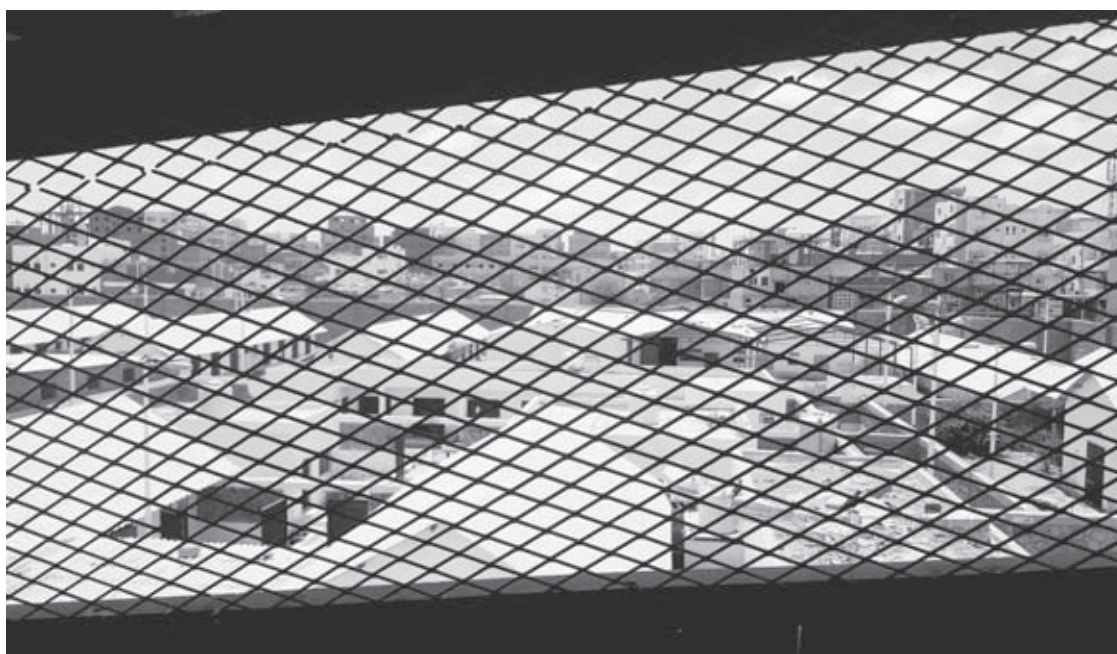
By AHMED AL-HAJ  
MAGGIE MICHAEL  
Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — Yemen's interior minister on Monday demanded the United Arab Emirates shut down or hand over secret prisons that The Associated Press reported are under the control of the UAE and its allied militias.

At least 80 detainees have been freed from the facilities in recent weeks since an AP investigation detailed sexual abuse and torture at the sites.

It was the first time Interior Minister Ahmed al-Maysari has gone public with the demand in talks with an Emirati official, seeming to contradict the UAE's repeated denials that it has authority over any prisons in Yemen.

The AP first reported in an investigation last year that the UAE and its allied militias were running a network of secret detention facilities around southern Yemen, beyond the control of Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi's government. Former prisoners and security officials described widespread torture at the facilities, which are housed in locations ranging from Emirati-run military bases to a former nightclub run by a UAE-backed security chief and his anti-terrorism squad. Thousands of Yemenis swept up in the U.S.-backed campaign against al-Qaida have been held in the prisons without charges or trials. Some have been interrogated by U.S. personnel inside the facilities, the AP found.



This May 9, 2017 file photo, shows a view through a mesh window over part of Aden Central Prison, known as Mansoura, in Aden, Yemen.

In June, the AP revealed that hundreds had been subjected to sexual abuse, including one incident in the Beir Ahmed prison in the southern city of Aden, where detainees were lined up naked as guards probed their anal cavities. Sexual abuses were filmed as a way to turn suspects into informants, detainees reported. On Sunday, Anwar Gargash, the UAE state minister for foreign affairs, dismissed as "fake news" reports that his country controls prisons or has set up a base on the Yemeni island of Socotra.

"In Yemen, the Emiratis have been subjected to an unjust smear campaign because it bears its responsibility toward regional security with courage and boldness," he said.

Al-Maysari, who has come under pressure from families of detainees who have disappeared into the pris-

on network, has previously said he has no authority over the prisons and that he can't even enter the southern city of Aden without Emirati permission.

In Yemen's three-year civil war, the UAE is part of the Saudi-led coalition battling Iranian-backed rebels known as Houthis who have taken over most of northern Yemen. Ostensibly, the Emiratis and Hadi's government are allies in that fight. But tensions have been high between them. The UAE has built up militias across southern Yemen that government officials say are only loyal only to the Emiratis. Those forces have taken over wide swaths of territory in the south, including towns and cities. The official security forces, by contrast, are fragmented and poorly funded.

On Monday, al-Maysari met in Aden with the UAE's state minister for interna-

tional cooperation, Reem al-Hashemi, in talks also attended by the top Emirati military commander in Yemen, Brig. Gen. Mohamed al-Hassani.

Al-Maysari stressed the "necessity to shut down the prisons and put them under the authority of the Yemeni judiciary and prosecution," the state-run SABA news agency said.

Al-Maysari visited the Emiratis last month for talks that officials said drew up plans to shut down the prisons. His visit came after repeated TV appearances in which he said he has no control over the prisons.

A senior government official told the AP on Monday that "the prisons are still under the Emiratis' full control."

"There are promises by the Emiratis to hand them over. We hope so," he said. "All we have are promises."

Recent weeks have seen

several prisoner releases, apparently aimed at easing some of the pressure. So far 80 prisoners have been freed, according to prosecutors and family members.

In the latest release, three people who had been forcibly disappeared returned home to their families three days ago, saying they were freed from the Wadah Nightclub detention facility, their families told the AP.

The Wadah facility was found empty Sunday during a visit by the state-run National Commission to Investigate Alleged Violations in Human Rights, the commission said. It is not clear how many detainees were there or what happened to them. Former detainees say there were several cells, some containing up to 70 people.

In recent weeks, there appears to have been an effort to paper over the conditions at Beir Ahmed. Prisoners say on one occasion, wardens forced detainees to play volleyball and chess in front of cameras, and that TV screens were installed to allow them to watch the World Cup. The prisoners spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Al-Maysari was expected to visit the prison on Sunday, according to three relatives of prisoners who met with him on Wednesday. "He told us he will get in, search for the missing ones, and get a full list of detainees. He will be in charge," a mother of one of the three said. □





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## Anonymous bones of civil war dead laid to rest

By **RODRIGO ABD SONIA PEREZ D**

**Associated Press**

**SAN JUAN COMALAPA, Guatemala (AP)** — In this small rural town, the anonymous remains of some of the tens of thousands who disappeared during Guatemala's long and bloody civil war can finally rest in peace.

Women from the village of San Juan Comalapa, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Guatemala City, spent years saving money and raising donations to buy a plot of land where an army camp once stood. During the 1960-1996 conflict, people from across the country were abducted and brought here by soldiers, then were tortured, killed and buried in mass graves.

Since 2003, forensic anthropologists have dug up at least 220 individual remains in the town, but only about a quarter of those could be matched to relatives. Those

bones that could not be identified have now been interred at the forest location of the former camp, with three of the mass graves left open in a nod to historical memory.

On a recent day a truck rolled past with 172 coffins strapped to the flatbed. They were smaller than normal coffins, containing just collections of bones rather than whole skeletons. Women in colorful embroidered skirts and white shawls carried bouquets of flowers in a solemn procession behind the truck.

Marivel Yolanda Rucuch held aloft portraits of her father, Juan Rucuch, and aunt, Virgilia Quina, who disappeared decades ago, allegedly at the hands of soldiers. Prudencia Machan, whose daughter went missing in 1981, wept profusely, deepening the wrinkles on her 76-year-old face.

The previous night, in the center of town, women



**In this June 20, 2018 photo, a cargo truck transports the remains of 172 unidentified people, exhumed from what once a military base in San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala.**

**Associated Press**

had put grass and flower petals on the cement floor of a community center as they blessed the coffins with prayers and incense. At the final resting place, surrounded by lush trees and brush, lies a home — or "nimajay" in the Kakchikel indigenous language — where painted blue crosses adorn the wall. Next to the mausoleum lies a gran-

ite plaque engraved with names of the missing. Colorful murals tell the story of what happened here, as revealed to the women in dreams and interpreted by artists hired to give their visions form.

It is through art that "we can reclaim the victims' existence" and educate young people born after the war, said Uriela Cumes,

one of the Kakchikel artists involved in the project.

A place is also reserved for renowned U.S. anthropologist Clyde Snow, who worked on disappearances in Guatemala before his own death in 2014.

"He asked in his will for his remains to rest here in Comalapa," said Rosalina Tuyuc, who lost her husband and father and came to lead a national organization of Kakchikel widows demanding justice.

According to the United Nations, about 200,000 people were killed and 45,000 more disappeared during Guatemala's 36-year civil war. About 97 percent of the victims died at the hands of the army and paramilitary groups. For the anonymous bones interred in San Juan Comalapa on the National Day Against Forced Disappearance, a genetic database holds their information in case relatives can be located in the future. □

## More protests in Haiti as unrest continues over fuel prices



**Burned cars parked outside a burned and looted Delimart complex after 2 days of protests against planned hike in fuel prices in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday, July 8, 2018.**

**Associated Press**

By **EVENS SANON**

**Associated Press**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)** — Protesters clashed with police Monday in the Haitian capital while a general strike kept most people at home across the country in a fourth day of unrest sparked by a now-rescinded government plan to raise fuel prices in the impoverished nation.

Demonstrators linked to various opposition factions marched on the parliament building but were turned back by police. Protesters also set fire to a tax office in the Tabarre area of the capital.

Public Security Secretary Ronsard Saint Cyr and leaders of the House of Deputies and Senate called for an end to the protests and to the general strike.

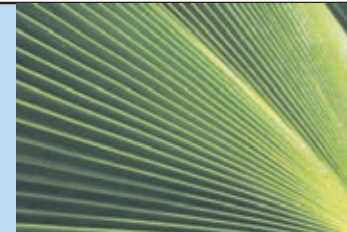
Protests erupted Friday hours before the government-set price of fuel was to rise by up to 50 percent, part of a plan endorsed by

the International Monetary Fund to modernize the economy.

The Haitian government canceled the increase amid protests that left several people dead and prompted airlines to cancel flights to the impoverished country. Flights have resumed, allowing people who had been stuck in Haiti over the weekend, including groups of U.S. missionaries, to leave the country. □



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**ORANJESTAD —** The CBA is the sole supervisory authority of the financial sector in Aruba. In this legally mandated report, the CBA provides an overview of the main activities it carried out and the principal policy decisions it took in 2017 to implement the supervisory ordinances, including the laws to prevent and combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The report also describes the main actions the CBA took to further strengthen the legislative and regulatory framework. In addition, the report outlines the recent developments in the international supervisory architecture, as well as the most salient developments in the domestic financial sector.

As in previous years, the CBA's core supervisory activities in 2017 consisted of periodic onsite examinations conducted at the supervised institutions to assess key risks and compliance with the prevailing laws and regulations, and ongoing offsite surveillance.

Offsite surveillance includes reviewing the mandatory periodic financial and regulatory reports that the supervised institutions file at the CBA and the bilateral meetings held with the supervised institutions. If and where deemed necessary, the CBA applies its supervisory toolkit to enforce compliance with the prevailing laws and regulations. If the CBA identifies a situation of noncompliance with the supervisory laws and regulations, formal measures are considered. The decision to apply formal measures depends, among other things, on the seriousness of the case. In 2017, twelve (12) formal measures were taken: an administrative fine was imposed in nine (9) cases, and formal direc-



tives were issued to remedy the identified deficiencies in three (3) cases.

The CBA implements a risk-based approach, whereby it allocates the largest part of its supervisory resources to the institutions with the highest risk profile (based on the CBA's own risk assessment). This approach, together with the CBA's strict enforcement policy and its ongoing commitment to comply with the highest standards and best practices in the area of financial sector regulation and supervision, has been conducive for maintaining a very solid and reputable financial sector in Aruba.

The financial sector supervision report also shows clearly that in 2017 the domestic financial sector remained robust, profitable, and highly resilient to external shocks. The aggregated prudential ratios of the supervised sectors stayed within sound ranges. The nonperforming loan ratio of the commercial banking sector was kept within acceptable ranges, standing at 4.0 percent at end-2017. Furthermore, the stress tests conducted on the domestic banking sector demonstrate that this sector's risk-weighted capital ratio and prudential liquidity ratio, amounting to 30.7 percent and 28.6 percent, respectively, at end-2017 are more than adequate to absorb significant external

shocks.

With a view to further strengthening the AML/CFT framework and preparing for the upcoming assessment by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) in 2020, the CBA conducted a gap analysis vis-à-vis the 2012 FATF recommendations that fall within its domain to identify any shortcomings and established a plan of action to address the defined shortcomings.

The exercise revealed some weaknesses that need to be addressed, partly through the strengthening and broadening of the AML/CFT State Ordinance and related laws and regulations in this area.

The broadening of the supervisory net also continued in 2017 with the enactment of the State Ordinance on the Supervision of the Securities Business and the amendment to the State Ordinance on Money Transfer Companies extending the scope to money exchange offices. In addition, some other legislative proposals that also will expand the CBA's supervisory mandate in the area of market conduct are in the legislative pipeline, including but not limited to a legislative proposal to regulate consumer credit and a proposal to introduce a deposit insurance scheme.

In 2017, as in previous years,

the CBA continued its efforts to strengthen the regulatory framework by issuing new or revised guidelines. Below follows a brief overview of the main changes made or initiated in 2017 with regard to the regulatory framework.

1. Increase of the minimum solvency requirement for credit institutions

As of January 1, 2017, the CBA increased the minimum solvency requirement for banks from 14 percent to 16 percent.

This increase was considered necessary in light of the one-sided economy of Aruba, as well as the Basel III standards issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision setting higher capital and liquidity requirements for banks.

2. Increase of the minimum prudential liquidity ratio for credit institutions

In line with the Basel III standards, the decision was made by the CBA to gradually increase the minimum prudential liquidity ratio from 15 percent to 20 percent over a period of three years, starting January 1, 2018.

3. Publication of a policy paper on Technology Risk Management for Credit Institutions

In December 2017, the CBA issued for consultation a draft policy paper on technology risk management for credit institutions.

This policy paper sets out risk management principles and best practice standards on the management of technology risks. The final policy paper was released in March 2018 and entered into force on July 1, 2018, with a transitional period of twelve (12) months to comply with this policy guideline.

4. Issuance of a cross-sectoral policy paper on Risk Management for Outsourcing Arrangements

In July 2017, a draft cross-sectoral policy paper on risk management for outsourcing arrangements was distributed for consultation. This draft policy paper contains a set of standards on sound practices on risk management for outsourcing arrangements.

The extent and degree to which an institution implements these standards should be commensurate with the nature of the risks in, and the materiality of, the outsourcing arrangements. The final policy paper was issued in March 2018 and became effective on July 1, 2018, with a transitional period of twelve (12) months.

To conclude, the strict and consistent enforcement of the supervisory and AML/CFT laws and regulations over the years has contributed to maintaining a stable, reputable, and healthy financial system in Aruba. Also, much work has been done to strengthen the financial sector supervision architecture, also with a view to meeting on an ongoing basis the international standards in the area of financial sector supervision.

The FINANCIAL SECTOR SUPERVISION REPORT 2017 is available on the website of the CBA [www.cbaruba.org](http://www.cbaruba.org) as from today. □



# Master in Meat brings Texas Top BBQ to Ritz Carlton's Beach



**PALM BEACH —** A man with a cowboy hat who is wearing an apron is standing on the beach of Ritz-Carlton, Aruba, concentrated in cutting wonderful pieces of meat on a cutting board. Behind him stands a big smoker barbeque. Meet Bryan Bracewell from Southside Market & Barbeque, Inc., a special pit master who flew over to our dushi island to pamper the hotel's guests with the best BBQ Texas style you can imagine in the light of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

The Caribbean manager of U.S. Meat Export Federation, Elizabeth A. Wunderlich, explains that Bryan is not just any pit master, he is well-known all over Texas and together with his wife they run Southside Market & Barbeque and a second joint in Bastrop, TX. "This is all about authentic Texas barbeque, full dedication to create a meat that smooth and tender with a wonderful texture. The way Bryan prepares the meat is bringing out all big flavors." The pit master treated the guests from

July 4th to July 7th with each day another themed menu. This event was organized in partnership with Beef Loving Texans and Southside Market & Barbeque.

"The USDA Prime Beef brisket is smoked for over 9 hours over real Texas oak wood. Widely known and popular is the original beef sausage stuffed with jalapenos, known by local as 'Hot Guts'. The Southside Market & Barbeque started in 1882 when William Moon started selling fresh meats



door-to-door from a horse-drawn wagon. Much may have changed in the world since 136 years, but the quality, commitment, hospitality and true Central Texas culture have been kept in place."

The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba is always seeking for that extra mile to run for their guests and with bringing this real American taste to Aruba on Independence Day the hotel again marked the difference. □

# Big Laughs & Mighty Music for Special Children



Left to right:

Dutch ex-football player Dirk Kuyt, singer Trijntje Oosterhuis, comedian Jorgen Raymann, therapist Micky's Foundation Esther and comedian Tony Woods.

**PALM BEACH —** The combination music and laughs is a healing one. Both are uplifting and create a happy feeling. If you add top stand-up comedians, one even singing, and one of the most known singers of the Netherlands to this picture, your result will be an amazing show. Cherry on the pie however is the fact that part of the profits go to a foundation that helps special children who need intensive specialized therapy: Micky's Foundation.

The show A Night of Music and Comedy last Sunday brought it all together. Dutch singer and song

writer Trijntje Oosterhuis, Dutch-Surinamese stand-up comedian, actor and presenter Jorgen Raymann and stand-up comedian Tony Woods from the United States. Raymann showcased more than his striking humor as he was the MC as well as the singer in some duets with Oosterhuis. The audience laughed their heart out with Raymann's typical sarcastic humor and Surinamese accent. A golden combination and guarantee for big laughs. His performance was in Dutch, while Woods –naturally– did his act-de-presence in American English.

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Woods is a natural comedian, it just slips of his tongue like he is walking by and throws some lines in. He confuses his audience by acting a kind of tipsy, but there is no time to figure it out completely as he is already gone to the next killer when you are still in the laugh of the last joke. The public was a mix of Dutch and Arubans, so the all-American Woods had a tougher job to do than the already established comedian Raymann. Oosterhuis has a beautiful voice and she was determined to enthusiast the public by inviting them to dance. She sang a mix of Dutch songs and American jazz. She formed the bridge between the Dutch and American comedians and the combination of all three was a perfect symphony.

The good cause of this evening was Micky's Foundation who cares for children in need, bringing specialized therapists to Aruba, to give intensive, specialized therapy. On Aruba specialized therapy as in pediatric physiotherapy, pediatric occupational and pre verbal speech therapy for children is non-existent. In short Micky's Foundation on Aruba is about:

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- TRANSMITTING KNOWLEDGE
- THERAPY AT HOME

Before the start of the show and during the break the audience could see and listen to a video presentation on screen about this wonderful foundation. For more information: [www.mickysfoundation.com](http://www.mickysfoundation.com). □





# Renaissance Aruba presented a successful and enchanting second edition of 'Long Table'

ORANJESTAD — Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino exceeded all expectations with the second edition of 'Long Table', as the culinary event was completely sold out a month before date. For just one night Renaissance Aruba served dinner on the longest table on the island. The table covered a large part of the L.G. Smith Boulevard accommodated 1,000 people. This year all proceeds of the event went to one charity: the Casa Cuna Progreso Foundation.

## \$25,000 donated to Casa Cuna Progreso Foundation

The community contributed to the good cause by buying a ticket for 25 dollars. All 1,000 attendees enjoyed a three course dinner, accompanied by two glasses of wine. The Renaissance Aruba culinary team once again did a fantastic job! At the end of the evening a cheque with the amount of \$25,000 was handed over to representatives of the Casa Cuna Progreso Foundation. Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, GM, Mr. Paul Gielen, expressed his delight for being able to do this for the Aruban community. "This event fits perfectly within the philosophy of the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, which is now part of the Wind Creek Hospitality Group; to give back to the community and contribute to the positive development of our people. I would like to thank all colleagues who have worked hard to make



another edition of the Long Table a success. I would also like to thank everyone who bought a ticket so that we could raise funds for Casa Cuna this year. We hope to be able to count on you again next year! "

## Thank you!

As far as the long table is concerned, Renaissance Aruba received the coop-

eration from the authorities to close the road and set up the elegant table just in front of the resort. Around 10pm the road was opened again to the public. The music was provided by Lilly Love Band and DJ Joa and Erin Croes, the director of Magic 96.5FM, was MC for the night. An event such as 'Long Table' Aruba, would not have



been possible without a few sponsors, who have once again supported this beautiful project. Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino thanks its staff and personnel, the Tropical Bottling Company and Caribbean Overseas. Also a thank you to High Performance, Andmar, ARTN Photography, Aqua Panna & S. Pellegrino, Aruba Laundry, ASD Aruba Supplies & Distribution, Bite!

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# SPORTS



An U.C.I. official checks a Team Bora-HansGrohe bicycle for mechanical doping after the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race, a team time trial over 35.5 kilometers (22 miles) with start and finish in Cholet, France, Monday, July 9, 2018.  
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## Froome faces early challenge from BMC team at Tour de France

By **ANDREW DAMPF**  
AP Sports Writer

**CHOLET, France (AP)** — Besides still having to make up most of the 51 seconds he lost in a Stage 1 crash, Chris Froome faces another challenge as he seeks a record-tying fifth Tour de France title — Richie Porte's BMC team. BMC beat Froome's Team Sky by four seconds on Monday to win a team time trial in Stage 3, with Belgian rider Greg Van Avermaet taking the yellow jersey. "We have the yellow jersey, we won a stage with the team ... and Richie can finish it off with a nice podium spot in Paris," Van Avermaet said. "Everyone is working well together and we have a strong team and Richie can be up there."

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# MOMMY TRACK



## Serena powers her way into Wimbledon quarters

Serena Williams of the United States celebrates winning her women's singles match against Russia's Evgeniya Rodina, on day seven of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London, Monday July 9, 2018.

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# It's official: Lakers announce LeBron James has signed

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — It's official. LeBron is a Laker.

The Los Angeles Lakers announced the signing of LeBron James as a free agent Monday night, confirming the seismic shift created by the four-time NBA Most Valuable Player's decision to leave Cleveland for the 16-time champion franchise on the West Coast.

James' representatives at Klutch Sports Group tweeted a photo of James signing his contract with Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka. James' agency already announced last week that the superstar had agreed to a four-year deal worth \$153.3 million with Los Angeles. The Lakers have missed the playoffs in a franchise-record five consecutive seasons, while James has played in the past eight NBA Finals with the Miami Heat and the Cleveland Cavaliers, winning three titles.

The 33-year-old budding entertainment mogul immediately becomes the focus of the Lakers franchise and a possible foundation for the NBA's next superteam, depending on whether James and the Lakers can persuade more superstars to join him in the next year or two.



In this June 8, 2018, photo, Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James stands on the court in the first half of Game 4 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Cleveland.

Magic Johnson, the Lakers' president of basketball operations, called James "the best player in the world" in a news release.

"He loves to compete and is an awesome leader who is about winning and making sure that his teammates are successful," Johnson said. "The Lakers players are excited to have a teammate who has been to nine NBA Finals. It's a huge step closer to returning the Lakers to the play-

offs and to the NBA Finals." James is coming off one of his greatest NBA seasons, playing in all 82 regular-season games for the Cavaliers while finishing third in the NBA with 27.5 points per game and hitting career highs with 8.6 rebounds and 9.1 assists. He then carried Cleveland to its fourth consecutive NBA Finals, where the Cavs were swept by Golden State.

"This is a historic moment for the Lakers, and we could not

feel more grateful and honored," Pelinka said. "When LeBron James — a perennial NBA MVP and champion who is playing at the most astonishing levels of his career — chooses to join the Lakers, it serves as the ultimate validation for what we are building here. However, we all know that the work is not yet done." James' arrival is indeed validation for Johnson and Pelinka, who took over the Lakers' front office in February 2017

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with a specific plan to rebuild the franchise by persuading established superstars to join as free agents.

The Lakers already have begun assembling a revamped team around James by acquiring Rajon Rondo, JaVale McGee and Lance Stephenson in free agency while retaining guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope. Los Angeles also assembled a reasonably talented young core before James' arrival with Brandon Ingram, Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma and Josh Hart.

But they didn't even get a meeting with star scorer Paul George before the Southern California native re-signed with Oklahoma City, and their efforts to acquire disgruntled two-way superstar Kawhi Leonard from San Antonio haven't borne fruit so far.

The Lakers don't appear to be planning a public event to welcome James to Los Angeles, where he already owns multiple homes and spends summers with his family.

But Blaze Pizza — the growing pizza chain in which James is an investor — announced a three-hour pizza giveaway on Tuesday to welcome James to LA. LeBron responded with a tweet, his first since June 26: "Haven't been to a pizza party in a minute ... Culver City?"

## Hinchcliffe wins at Iowa for 1st victory of '18

By LUKE MEREDITH

AP Sports Writer

**NEWTON, Iowa (AP)** — Less than two months after failing to qualify for the Indianapolis 500, James Hinchcliffe roared from behind to seize one of the more satisfying victories of his IndyCar career.

Hinchcliffe passed Josef Newgarden with just over 40 laps left to win at the Iowa Speedway on Sunday, his first victory of the season. He will now head to his hometown track, the Streets of Toronto on Sunday, with more momentum than he's had in a long time. "This is such a good feeling after what happened in May. We knew we had it in



James Hinchcliffe (5) races his car during the IndyCar Series auto race Sunday, July 8, 2018, at Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa.

us, and to come here and do it like that ... I'm just so stoked," Hinchcliffe said. "To miss (the Indy 500) is a huge blow for every single member of the team... but if anything, it fueled us. It made us want to perform better, push harder."

Spencer Pigot was a career-best second, followed by Takuma Sato in his first podium since a stunning win at the Indy 500 in 2017. Newgarden dominated much of the race like he did in winning at Iowa two years ago, leading 229 of

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the 300 laps before Hinchcliffe seized control as Newgarden battled lap traffic. Newgarden finished fourth. Ed Carpenter threw a curveball at the field when he spun out and got clipped by Sato six laps from the finish, drawing a caution. Newgarden went in for new tires while Hinchcliffe stayed out, with the American hoping to catch Hinchcliffe if the race went green again.

It didn't, and Hinchcliffe cruised past Iowa's corn-inspired start-finish line in first for Schmidt-Peterson Motorsports under caution. But it wasn't all bad news for Newgarden, the defending champion. He moved

from fourth to second in the standings behind Scott Dixon and cut his deficit to 33 points. Dixon was never a factor, finishing a season-worst 12th.

"I can't complain much. It's a tough pill to swallow to see (Hinchcliffe) go by me. We just didn't have it at the end, and sometimes you can't forecast that completely," Newgarden said. "It just went away from us." Will Power, Newgarden's Team Penske teammate, started on the pole. But Iowa is the only active track in the series where a pole sitter has never won a race — and it was apparent early on that that trend would continue.



# Roger, Serena, Rafa bring best to Wimbledon's Centre Court

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

**LONDON (AP)** — They roared for Roger Federer just for showing up, greeting his arrival at Wimbledon's main stadium as if his mere presence were enough to justify the price of admission.

They clapped and yelled when Federer's drop volley capped a 16-minute tour de force of a first set in which he won 21 of the first 23 points.

They eventually sent him back to the locker room with a standing ovation, acknowledging the talent displayed by Federer during a 6-0, 7-5, 6-4 victory over 22nd-seeded Adrian Mannarino of France in the fourth round Monday, yes, but also his superiority over the course of a career that has produced eight Wimbledon championships and 20 Grand Slam titles, both records for a man.

Federer, who has won 32 consecutive sets at the tournament and held serve 81 games in a row, was asked whether he paused for even a moment to wonder why he wasn't being given more of a test.

"Not really," said Federer, the No. 1 seed. "I'm telling myself, 'Why didn't I break

the first game of the second?'"

His mastery was only the beginning of things for those who spent 120 pounds (about \$160) to be at Centre Court and were afforded the rare treat of watching three of the greatest to ever lift a tennis racket.

Federer was followed by Serena Williams, she of the seven Wimbledon trophies among her 23 majors, who was hardly challenged in a 6-2, 6-2 win against 120th-ranked qualifier Evgeniya Rodina of Russia. And Williams was followed by Rafael Nadal — two titles at Wimbledon, 17 at all Slams — who dispatched 93rd-ranked Jiri Vesely of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

The only other Wimbledon champion left in either bracket, Novak Djokovic, beat 40th-ranked Karen Khachanov 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 on No. 1 Court, then said he'd like to get as much time on Centre Court as Federer and Nadal do.

Was Mannarino intimidated by playing in that hallowed arena?

"The fact that it is the Centre Court, and the fact that it is a lot of people in the stands — it's not changing anything, actually. The only

different thing is that it's Federer in front of me, and he's a really good opponent. It makes the job harder," Mannarino said. "This is what is not easy to handle." He showed up wearing a plain white T-shirt, bereft of any obvious sponsor's logos, looking like someone out for a casual hitting session in a public park. At least it appeared to be the right size. What a difference from a week ago, when Federer's debut of new duds after splitting from Nike drew so many headlines. It took Mannarino so much toil and trouble to win one game, saving four break points to hold to begin the second set. He was able to tread water until 5-all, when Federer returned a 123 mph serve, quickly gained control of a baseline exchange, then hopped and screamed, "Come on!" as a backhand flew long for the break. Federer also broke, then held to end the match.

"I think," Federer said when it was over, "I can be very pleased."

The women's quarterfinals are Tuesday, with Williams vs. Camila Giorgi, two-time major champion Angelique Kerber vs. No. 14 Daria Kasatkina, 2017 French Open



Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates defeating Karen Khachanov of Russia in their men's singles match on the seventh day at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Monday July 9, 2018.

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champion Jelena Ostapenko vs. Dominika Cibulkova, and No. 13 Julia Goerges vs. No. 20 Kiki Bertens.

On Wednesday, Federer will play No. 8 Kevin Anderson, a South African who was the 2017 U.S. Open runner-up and advanced with a 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2), 5-7, 7-6 (4) victory over Gael Monfils.

"I mean, I'm definitely going to have to look at it the right way. I think the right

way of looking at it is: It's an opportunity to test myself against a player of Roger's caliber," said Anderson, who is 0-4 against Federer. "These are the matches we work so hard for, me and my whole team."

The other matchup on the top half of the draw is No. 9 John Isner against No. 13 Milos Raonic, who beat Federer in the 2016 semifinals before losing in the final. □

## Wimbledon glance: Serena Williams excited for quarters

**LONDON (AP)** — A quick look at Wimbledon:

### LOOKAHEAD TO TUESDAY

Serena Williams is excited to face an opponent whose game she's familiar with in the Wimbledon quarterfinals. Seven-time champion Williams has won all three of her meetings with first-time Grand Slam quarterfinalist Camila Giorgi, with the most recent coming in the first round of the 2016 Australian Open. Despite the two-year gap since their previous meeting, Williams professed to having watched 52nd-ranked Giorgi play "a lot." Having shaken off any rust that

may have remained from her absence, With the top 10 women having all been eliminated, No. 11 Angela Kerber is the highest-seeded player left in the tournament.

She faces 14th-seeded Daria Kasatkina, just two weeks after beating the Russian in a third-set tiebreaker on the grass courts of Eastbourne, tying their head-to-head record at 3-3. The other last-eight matches have 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko take on Dominika Cibulkova in a meeting of former Wimbledon quarterfinalists, while 13th-seeded Julia

Goerges and 20th-seeded Kiki Bertens have both reached this stage at the All England Club for the first time. The only fourth-round match that wasn't completed on Monday — fifth-seeded Juan Martin del Potro against Frenchman Gilles Simon — will also be played to a finish. Del Potro led 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 5-7 when play was suspended because of darkness.

### STAT OF THE DAY

1 — Mannarino won only one point on his serve during the opening set against Federer.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is tough because I



Italy's Camila Giorgi returns the ball to Russia's Ekaterina Makarova during their women's singles match, on day seven of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London, Monday July 9, 2018.

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cannot see myself from the side. I'm just like an artist and I'm playing with the heart, yeah. This is me, for

sure. — Kasatkina on what people watching her for the first time should know about her. □



## Tour de France

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Riding at an average speed of 54.9 kph (34 mph), BMC clocked 38 minutes, 46 seconds over the 35.5-kilometer (22-mile) route that began and ended in Cholet near the Atlantic coast. Sky finished second and Quick-Step Floors came third, seven seconds behind. World champion Sunweb featuring Tom Dumoulin finished fifth, 11 seconds back. Overnight leader Peter Sagan was dropped by his Bora Hansgrohe teammates and fell to 80th overall, three minutes behind. Van Avermaet, who excels at single-day classics, isn't a threat for the overall title but he could keep the lead through the cobbled Stage 9 ending in Roubaix. Froome was left 55 seconds behind in the overall standings with another week of nervy rolling stages before hitting the Alps. "We're just ... trying to get

through the best we can until we get to the mountains," Froome said. "There will be a lot more time lost throughout the GC group before we hit the mountains. One day you gain, one day you lose. That's just the nature of the game." Froome is aiming to join Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain as the only riders to win the Tour five times.

Van Avermaet earned the yellow jersey by leading BMC over the line, just ahead of American teammate Tejay van Garderen, who moved up to second overall with the same time as Van Avermaet.

Geraint Thomas of Sky was third overall, three seconds behind. Among the overall favorites, Dumoulin was seventh (11 seconds behind), last year's runner-up Rigoberto Uran was 10th (:35), Porte was 14th (:51), Movistar teammates Alejandro



Riders of the BMC Racing Team celebrate after winning the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race, a team time trial over 35.5 kilometers (22 miles) with start and finish in Cholet, France, Monday, July 9, 2018.

Valverde and Mikel Landa were 17th (:53), Froome was 18th (:55), Adam Yates was 20th (1:00) and 2014 champion Vincenzo Nibali was 22nd (1:06). Squad leaders traded turns on the front of the team "trains," with the ability to

pace the decisive factor over a challenging — if not highly technical — route featuring a few minor hills. Times were taken from the fourth rider on each eight-man team to cross the line. BMC, which is searching for a new title sponsor, also won the previous team time

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trial on the Tour in 2015.

"I don't think it is a bad thing to have the yellow jersey for a team looking for a sponsor," said Porte, who crashed out of last year's Tour and lost time in Stage 1 of this edition. "I feel maybe even better (than last year)." □

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## Myers homers again, Padres top Diamondbacks 4-3 in 16

By The Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Wil Myers homered for San Diego for the fourth time in two days, connecting in the 16th inning off Arizona catcher Jeff Mathis.

Myers, who hit three home runs Saturday, clubbed a 3-2 pitch from Mathis (0-1) over the right-field fence with two outs.

The Diamondbacks used two starting pitchers out of necessity. Zack Greinke began the game and Zack Godley entered in extra innings.

Manuel Margot had a career-high five hits for the Padres. All-Star closer Brad Hand (2-4) worked two innings for the win in a game that lasted 5 hours, 31 minutes.

### RAYS 9, METS 0

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Nathan Eovaldi took a perfect game into the seventh inning, C.J. Cron hit an early three-run homer and Tampa Bay routed New York.

Eovaldi retired his first 18 batters before Brandon Nimmo lined a clean single to right field leading off the seventh. Nimmo was quickly erased on a double play, and Eovaldi faced the minimum through seven innings.

The right-hander, who returned this season from his second Tommy John surgery, struck out nine. Andrew Kittredge pitched the final two innings for the Rays, giving up a single in the ninth before finishing the two-hitter.

Cron's home run gave the Rays a 3-0 lead in the first. He connected off Chris Flexen (0-2) for his 17th of the season, setting a career high.

### PIRATES 4, PHILLIES 1

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Nick Kingham pitched six solid innings and had two RBIs, helping Pittsburgh avoid a



San Diego Padres' Wil Myers hits a solo home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 16th inning during a baseball game, Sunday, July 8, 2018, in Phoenix.

three-game sweep against Philadelphia.

In his eighth major league start, Kingham (3-4) allowed one run and four hits with five strikeouts and one walk for his first win since May 4. The right-hander retired the first 20 batters of his MLB debut against St. Louis on April 29 before giving up four runs in a 6-4 win in his second start.

Felipe Vazquez struck out the side in the ninth for his 18th save.

Drew Anderson (0-1) allowed four runs and eight hits in his season debut for the Phillies.

### MARLINS 10, NATIONALS 2

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — J.T. Realmuto had a career-high five hits and drove in three runs, Martin Prado got four hits and Miami

snapped a 14-game losing streak to Washington.

The Marlins piled up a season-high 22 hits, the first 19 of which were singles, and salvaged the finale of a four-game series.

Adam Conley (3-1) pitched two scoreless innings of relief for the win.

Mark Reynolds, given a start at third base by the Nationals after his 10-RBI game Saturday night, went 2 for 4 with a walk. He also pitched one-third of an inning, retiring the only batter he faced in the ninth.

Tanner Roark (3-11) hasn't won since June 6. He allowed four runs, 10 hits, three walks and hit two batters over four innings.

### BREWERS 10, BRAVES 3

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Jesus Aguilar homered twice,

Hernan Perez added a three-run shot and Milwaukee defeated Atlanta.

Aguilar hit a solo drive in the seventh and a three-run shot in the eighth. The burly slugger moved into a tie with Colorado's Nolan Arenado for the NL lead with 22 homers.

Milwaukee also got another solid start from Junior Guerra (6-5) during its sixth win in seven games. The right-hander allowed one run and seven hits in six innings, helped by three double plays.

Atlanta left-hander Sean Newcomb (8-4) was tagged for five runs and five hits in 3 2/3 innings.

### CUBS 6, REDS 5, 10 INNINGS

**CHICAGO (AP)** — David Bote drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded

walk in the 10th inning, lifting Chicago over Cincinnati.

Javier Baez had two hits and two RBIs for the Cubs, who have earned their last nine wins in comeback fashion. Albert Almora Jr. and Ian Happ also had two hits apiece, and Addison Russell drove in three runs.

Eugenio Suarez and Adam Duvall homered for the Reds, who had won their previous five series.

Luke Farrell (3-3) worked a clean inning for the win. Jackson Stephens (2-2) took the loss.

### GIANTS 13, CARDINALS 8

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Pablo Sandoval homered and had five RBIs to back an uneven start by Madison Bumgarner as San Francisco beat St. Louis. □

Associated Press



# Ohtani's pinch-hit homer lifts Angels over Dodgers 4-3

**By The Associated Press**  
**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — Shohei Ohtani's pinch-hit home run in the seventh inning sent Andrew Heaney and the Los Angeles Angels to a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday.

Albert Pujols also went deep for the Angels, tying the score at 3 in the sixth. Justin Upton had a two-run single.

Heaney (5-6) allowed only three hits and equaled a career high with 10 strikeouts in seven innings to help the Angels take two of three at home in the Freeway Series. He gave up an early three-run homer to Yasiel Puig, who later left with an oblique injury.

Ohtani drove his first career pinch-hit homer a projected 443 feet to center field off reliever JT Chargois (2-2). It also was the Angels' first pinch-hit home run of the season and Ohtani's seventh in the majors.

The two-way rookie star from Japan, unavailable to pitch lately because of an elbow injury, fouled a ball off his knee one day earlier and experienced soreness. Before the game, it was unclear if he would be able to come off the bench.

Justin Anderson got Cody Bellinger to ground into a game-ending double play for his fourth save.

**INDIANS 6, ATHLETICS 0**  
**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Brett Anderson came off the disabled list and pitched ef-



Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani, right, of Japan, drops his bat as he hits a solo home run as Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Austin Barnes watches during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Sunday, July 8, 2018, in Anaheim, Calif.

fectively into the sixth inning before turning things over to Oakland's outstanding bullpen as the Athletics blanked Cleveland.

Anderson (1-2) had been sidelined with a shoulder strain, one of several injuries to the A's starting staff. But the left-hander looked sharp in his first start since May 18, limiting the Indians to three hits and leaving with a 4-0 lead.

Stephen Piscotty hit a two-run homer off rookie Shane Bieber (4-1), and Jed Lowrie had a solo shot as Oakland won for the 10th time in 12 games to take two of three from the Indians.

The A's are 18-6 against AL Central teams.

Yusmeiro Petit, Ryan Buchter and Emilio Pagan finished the combined five-hitter as the A's moved 10 games over .500.

**ASTROS 2, WHITE SOX 1**  
**HOUSTON (AP)** — Dallas Keuchel pitched seven strong innings, Jose Altuve homered and Houston manufactured the go-ahead run in the seventh to complete a four-game sweep of Chicago.

Altuve's solo shot put the Astros up 1-0 in the fourth. Chicago starter Lucas Giolito (5-8) had retired nine straight after Altuve's home run when Yuli Gurriel got Houston's second hit of the game, a double with no outs in the seventh. He

went to third on a flyout and the Astros went up 2-1 on a sacrifice bunt by Marwin Gonzalez.

Keuchel (6-8) yielded six hits and a run to win his third straight decision. Hector Rondon struck out two in a perfect ninth for his seventh save.

**YANKEES 2, BLUE JAYS 1, 10 INNINGS**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Brett Gardner hit a tiebreaking single in the 10th inning and New York beat Toronto for its fourth win in five games. Former Yankees reliever Tyler Clippard (4-3) hit New York's Greg Bird with a pitch to begin the 10th, and Tyler Wade came on to pinch run. Austin Romine

sacrificed Wade to second, and Gardner followed with a single.

Chad Green (5-1) pitched one inning for the win and David Robertson finished for his second save. Regular closer Aroldis Chapman, who left Saturday's game because of a sore left knee, was available but did not pitch.

**RANGERS 3, TIGERS 0**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Austin Bibens-Dirkx pitched Texas past Detroit.

Jurickson Profar homered in the first inning and the Rangers split the four-game series. Bibens-Dirkx (2-2) allowed three hits and a walk in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out five.

All-Star Shin-Soo Choo of the Rangers hit an infield single with two outs in the ninth, extending his on-base streak to 47 games. He surpassed the team record of 46, set by Julio Franco in 1993.

Jose Leclerc struck out five in 1 2/3 hitless innings of relief for Texas. Jake Diekman pitched the eighth, and Keone Kela finished for his 22nd save in 22 chances.

Michael Fulmer (3-8) allowed two earned runs and five hits in seven innings.

**TWINS 10, ORIOLES 1**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Jake Odorizzi pitched six scoreless innings and Mitch Garver, Eduardo Escobar and Brian Dozier homered as Minnesota completed a four-game sweep of Baltimore. □



In this July 8, 2018 photo, Kaito Yuki poses for photographers at a press conference in Osaka, western Japan.

Associated Press

## Royals sign 16-year-old Japanese pitcher for \$322,500

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Kaito Yuki is headed to the Kansas City Royals organization instead of attending high school in Japan. The 16-year-old pitcher agreed Sunday to a minor league contract with a \$322,500 signing bonus. He is thought to be the first Japanese junior high school player to sign with a major league club.

"I wanted to play in the United States as soon as possible, rather than playing high school ball at Ko-

shien Stadium (in Japan's iconic national championship)," Yuki said in statement issued by the Royals. Yuki is listed at 6-foot-2, 170 pounds and the right-hander's fastball has been clocked at 87-88 mph.

He was born on May 12, 2002.

"My goal is to do well in the majors. Not everybody is given that chance, so I want to do my best," he said at a news conference in his hometown of Osaka. Yuki has been studying Eng-

lish before his move to the United States. The Royals are optimistic that after paperwork is completed, he will arrive in August at the team's spring training complex in Surprise, Arizona, to begin familiarizing himself with the local culture and language.

He would participate in the Royals' fall instructional league in September and October, with the objective of making his professional debut in the minors next year. □



# AL outfield grabs attention as All-Star rosters announced

By JAY COHEN, AP Sports Writer

Mike Trout, Aaron Judge and Mookie Betts form a dream outfield for the American League. Bryce Harper and Max Scherzer make up a not-so-gracious welcome committee for the NL.

Power in the center of power. A capital-sized All-Star Game.

Baseball unveiled the rosters for its midsummer showcase Sunday night, featuring an imposing AL lineup and Harper starting at his home ballpark in Washington.

Reigning AL MVP Jose Altuve was one of five All-Stars from the World Series champion Houston Astros, matching the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians for most in the majors. The New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves each had four, including rookie Gleyber Torres from the Bronx Bombers and fellow second baseman Ozzie Albies from the surprising Braves.

"It's fun. You're playing but you're looking around because you're playing with all those big boys out there," said Altuve, who made the AL team for the sixth time.

Torres is on the disabled list with a hip injury and unlikely to participate. While he and Albies are just 21 years old, the list of 25 first-time All-Stars also includes thirty-something surprises like Boston first baseman Mitch Moreland, Texas Rangers slugger Shin-Soo Choo and Atlanta outfielder Nick Markakis.

"It's something that I didn't know it would ever be quite possible," Moreland



**Boston Red Sox's Mookie Betts slides home to score on a sacrifice fly by Steve Pearce during the third inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Sunday, July 8, 2018, in Kansas City, Mo.**

Associated Press

said. "I'm definitely excited about the opportunity and appreciative of having that opportunity."

Trout is working on perhaps the best season of his stellar career with the Los Angeles Angels. Judge has 25 homers and 58 RBIs for the Yankees, and Betts is batting .342 with 22 homers for the major league-leading Red Sox. But that's just the beginning for the AL, which has won five All-Star Games in a row and 17 of the last 21. Altuve led the fan balloting with 4.8 million votes. Baltimore Orioles shortstop Manny Machado will make the short trip down to D.C. for the July 17 game with speculation increasing about his future ahead of the trade deadline.

Chicago White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu, Cleveland Indians third

baseman Jose Ramirez, Red Sox designated hitter J.D. Martinez and Tampa Bay Rays catcher Wilson Ramos round out the AL's starting lineup.

"The best part is being with all the guys. You're on the biggest stage with the best," said Trout, who was selected for the seventh straight year — tying Boston ace Chris Sale for the longest active streak.

Harper was voted a starter for the fourth consecutive year. The slugger, who is eligible for free agency after this season, is batting just .218 for disappointing Washington but has 21 homers and 50 RBIs.

He was joined by ace right-hander Max Scherzer and reliever Sean Doolittle from the Nationals. Scherzer, a three-time Cy Young Award winner, could get

the start in his home ballpark.

"That'd be an unbelievable experience," he said in an interview on ESPN.

Nationals shortstop Trea Turner could join Scherzer and Co. if he wins the online vote for the 32nd and final NL roster spot. Brewers first baseman Jesus Aguilar, Giants first baseman Brandon Belt, Cardinals infielder Matt Carpenter and Dodgers infielder Max Muncy also are in the mix.

"Very excited to represent the Nationals in D.C.," Harper said. "Looking forward to this week to hopefully get one of our other teammates in there as well."

Candidates for the final AL slot are Red Sox outfielder Andrew Benintendi, Twins outfielder Eddie Rosario, Mariners shortstop Jean Segura, Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons and Yankees slugger Giancarlo Stanton. "It's something I've watched for a long time. To be a part of it would be pretty cool," Benintendi said.

Markakis and Matt Kemp will join Harper in the NL outfield. Kemp's return to the Los Angeles Dodgers has been a smashing success. Markakis has been a key performer for the Braves and made an All-Star team for the first time in his 13 major league seasons. "It is kind of emotional. I know my kids and my family are going to be ecstatic," he said. "Whether it came in my first year or this late in my career, it is going to be an exciting time."

The Chicago Cubs will have two starters after catcher Willson Contreras and second baseman Javier Baez

each won a close race at their position in fan balloting. Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman, Colorado Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado and Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford round out the NL starting lineup.

"My first reaction was like, 'I have no words to say,'" Contreras said, "but I started crying when I went down to the cage because I hoped for it and I've been working hard every single game that I've played and played it like it was my last one."

As usual, there were some notable snubs — with several changes surely coming due to injuries and withdrawals.

Tampa Bay left-hander Blake Snell, who is 12-4 with an AL-best 2.09 ERA, was the most incomprehensible omission. Houston right-hander Charlie Morton and Oakland Athletics infielder Jed Lowrie were also left out despite worthy credentials. The Philadelphia Phillies, percentage points ahead of the Braves for the NL East lead, had only one All-Star in pitcher Aaron Nola. "Having to have every team represented I think presents a bit of a problem for Major League Baseball," Astros ace Justin Verlander said. "I think it's not necessarily always the guys that are having the best years. I think especially in the game today where you have some teams that are tanking, I think it makes it kind of difficult."

"It happens every year but it seems like this year is even a little bit more difficult than in years past. Some guys get snubbed." □

## Dodgers RF Puig lands on DL with an oblique strain

By JAY PARIS  
Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — The Dodgers placed right fielder Yasiel Puig on the 10-day disabled list with a right oblique sprain prior to Monday's game against the San Diego Padres.

Puig, who is hitting .265 with 11 home runs, was re-

moved from Sunday's loss to the Los Angeles Angels during a fifth-inning at-bat. Earlier, Puig had homered for the second consecutive game. Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said Puig might not return until August. "It's going to be a few weeks," Roberts said. "With the time we have left in the

season, we have to be very careful. Otherwise it can come back to bite you at an important time. So we are going to be patient."

Andrew Toles, who was out for two months with a hamstring injury, was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City. He was batting .326 in 34 games in the minors. □



**Los Angeles Dodgers' Yasiel Puig, right, celebrates as he hits a three-run home run while Los Angeles Angels catcher Martin Maldonado watches during the second inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 8, 2018, in Anaheim, Calif. Associated Press**



# YouTube aims to crack down on fake news, support journalism

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**

**AP Technology Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Google's YouTube says it is taking several steps to ensure the veracity of news on its service by cracking down on misinformation and supporting news organizations. The company said Monday it will make "authoritative" news sources more prominent, especially in the wake of breaking news events when misinformation can spread quickly.

At such times, YouTube will begin showing users short text previews of news stories in video search results, as well as warnings that the stories can change. The goal is to counter the fake videos that can proliferate immediately after shootings, natural disasters and other major happenings. For example, YouTube search results prominently showed videos purporting to "prove" that mass shootings like the one that killed at least 59 in Las Vegas were fake, acted out by "crisis actors."

In these urgent cases, traditional video won't do, since it takes time for news outlets to produce and verify high-quality clips. So YouTube aims to short-circuit the misinformation loop with text



**This image provided by Google shows a page of Local news in the free YouTube app for TV screens.**

stories that can quickly provide more accurate information. Company executives announced the effort at YouTube's New York offices.

Those officials, however, offered only vague descriptions of which sources YouTube will consider authoritative. Chief Product Officer Neal Mohan said the company isn't just compiling a simple list of trusted news outlets, noted that the

definition of authoritative is "fluid" and then added the caveat that it won't simply boil down to sources that are popular on YouTube.

He added that 10,000 human reviewers at Google — so-called search quality raters who monitor search results around the world — are helping determine what will count as authoritative sources and news stories.

Alexios Mantzarlis, a Poynter Institute faculty member who helped Facebook team up with fact-checkers (including The Associated Press), said the text snippet at the top of search results was "cautiously a good step forward."

**Associated Press**

But he worried what would happen to fake news videos that were simply recommended by YouTube's recommendation engine and would appear in feeds without being searched.

He said it would be preferable if Google used people instead of algorithms to vet fake news.

"Facebook was reluctant to go down that path two and half years ago and then they did," he said.

YouTube also said it will commit \$25 million over the next several years to improving news on YouTube and tackling "emerging challenges" such as misinformation.

That sum includes funding to help news organizations around the world build "sustainable video operations," such as by training staff and improving production facilities.

The money would not fund video creation.

The company is also testing ways to counter conspiracy videos with generally trusted sources such as Wikipedia and Encyclopedia Britannica. For common conspiracy subjects — what YouTube delicately calls "well-established historical and scientific topics that have often been subject to misinformation," such as the moon landing and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing — Google will add information from such third parties for users who search on these topics. □

# Uber poised to make investment in scooter-rental business

By **The Associated Press**

Uber is getting into the scooter-rental business.

The ride-hailing company said Monday that it is investing in Lime, a startup based in San Mateo, California.

"Our investment and partnership in Lime is another step towards our vision of becoming a one-stop shop for all your transportation needs," Rachel Holt, an Uber vice president, said in a statement.

Uber will add Lime motorized scooters to the Uber mobile app, giving consumers another option for getting around cities, especially to and from public transit systems, Holt said.

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.

Lime co-founders Toby Sun



**This July 3, 2018, photo shows scooters by Lime in Paris. Uber is getting into the scooter-rental business.**

and Brad Bao wrote in a blog that Uber's "sizable investment" is part of a \$335 million fund-raising round led by GV, the venture-capital arm of Google parent Alphabet Inc. They said

Alphabet is among several new investors. The money will help Lime expand and develop new products.

**Associated Press**

According to the company website, customers can rent Lime scooters in

more than 70 locations in the U.S. and Europe and leave them parked for the next customer to ride. The company is looking to buy tens of thousands of motorized foot-pedal scooters to expand its reach.

The scooters aren't without their critics, however, who consider them a nuisance and a hazard to pedestrians. Officials in cities like San Francisco have been torn between promoting cheap and relatively non-polluting transportation and keeping sidewalks safe and clear of clutter.

For Uber, the Lime investment follows its purchase for an undisclosed sum of Jump Bikes, which rents electric bicycles in a half-dozen cities including San Francisco, Chicago and

Washington. San Francisco-based Uber Technologies Inc. CEO Dara Khosrowshahi aims to turn Uber into the Amazon.com of transportation, a single destination where customers can go to hitch a ride in a car and on other modes of transportation — even buy rides on city buses and subway systems. Uber also has a food-delivery service.

Rival Lyft is looking for new rides too. Last week, it bought part of a company called Motivate that operates Citi Bike and other bike-sharing programs in several major U.S. cities including New York and Chicago. It will rename the business Lyft Bikes. Terms of that deal were not disclosed either. □



# US stocks rise again as trade worries take back seat

By STAN CHOE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. stocks climbed with other markets on Monday as worries about trade tensions between the United States and the rest of the world took a back seat.

The world's two largest economies took their biggest steps yet on Friday in a brewing global trade war after the United States and China imposed dueling tariffs on each other's goods. But a better-than-forecast U.S. jobs report on Friday and the expectation for strong earnings reports from nearly every swath of corporate America in the upcoming weeks have nevertheless helped support stocks.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 was up 20 points, or 0.7 percent, at 2,780, as of noon Eastern time. It follows Friday's 0.8 percent gain after the government reported that U.S. job growth remains strong despite all the concerns about global trade.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 282, or 1.2 percent, to 24,738, and the Nasdaq composite rose 41, or 0.5 percent, to 7,729.

**EARNINGS SEASON:** Companies are lining up to tell investors how much profit they made during the spring, and expectations are high for another gangbusters quarter of growth. Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase



This June 25, 2018 file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange in New York.

Associated Press

and Wells Fargo are among this week's headliners, and all are reporting on Friday. Financial companies are forecast to be one of the better-performing areas of the market, and analysts have penciled in 25 percent growth for their earnings per share from a year ago, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence. Across the S&P 500, analysts are calling for growth of 19 percent thanks to lower tax rates and stronger revenues.

The biggest gains are likely

to come from energy companies, which are benefiting from the rebounding price of crude oil, and whose profits likely more than doubled.

**YIELDS:** Yields on Treasuries rose as prices for bonds fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 2.84 percent from 2.82 percent late Friday. The two-year yield rose to 2.57 percent from 2.54 percent, and the 30-year yield pushed up to 2.96 percent from 2.93 percent.

**FINANCIAL FLING:** Higher

interest rates can translate into bigger profits for banks by enabling them to charge higher rates for mortgages and other loans.

Financial stocks were the market's leader, and those in the S&P 500 jumped 1.8 percent for the biggest gain among the 11 sectors that make up the index.

**DIVIDENDS DULLED:** On the flip side, higher interest rates can lure buyers away from high-dividend stocks because they become more interested in bonds.

Telecoms and real-estate investment trusts both lost ground, while utilities were the worst-performing area of the S&P 500, dropping 1.3 percent.

**BEAUTIFUL:** Helen of Troy's shares surged 13.3 percent to \$115.49 after the consumer-products company reported stronger revenue for the spring, with particularly strong growth in online sales.

Like much of corporate America, Helen of Troy has been using cash to buy back its own stock, which means profits are getting allocated over fewer shares. The company behind the Oxo and Braun brands said that it repurchased enough during the last quarter to raise its forecast for earnings per share for this fiscal year.

**DEALING:** Groupon jumped 5 percent to \$5.48 following a report from Recode that the daily-deal company is aggressively looking to be acquired by another company.

Its stock has lost more than 80 percent since peaking in late 2011.

**MARKETS ABROAD:** France's CAC 40 rose 0.4 percent, Germany's DAX added 0.4 percent and the FTSE 100 climbed 0.9 percent.

Japan's Nikkei 225 jumped 1.2 percent, the Hang Seng in Hong Kong climbed 1.3 percent and the Kospi in South Korea added 0.6 percent. □

## BMW: Tariffs mean higher prices in China for US-made SUVs

Associated Press

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)**

— Automaker BMW says it will have to raise prices on



In this Wednesday, March 21, 2018 file photo the logo of German car manufacturer BMW is pictured in Munich, Germany.

Associated Press

the U.S.-built SUVs it sells in China due to higher tariffs. China raised the import tax on cars from the United States to 40 percent in retaliation for higher tariffs on Chinese goods imposed by President Donald Trump. The dpa news agency reported that the Munich-based company said Monday it is "not in a position to completely absorb the tariff increases."

BMW builds key SUV models in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where it employs 10,000 people. Those vehicles are exported to 140

countries, making BMW the largest U.S. auto exporter. Trump has imposed tariffs to counter what he says are unfair trading prac-

tices that include Chinese requirements that U.S. firms transfer key technology as the price of doing business. □

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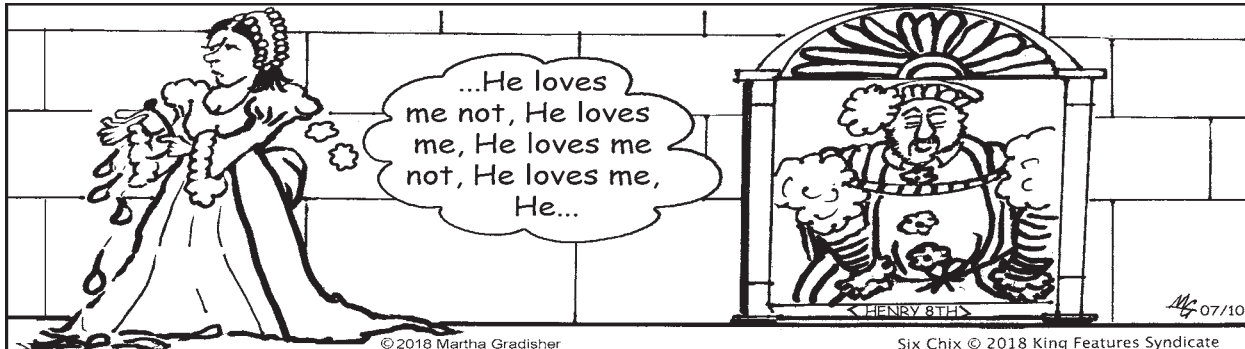
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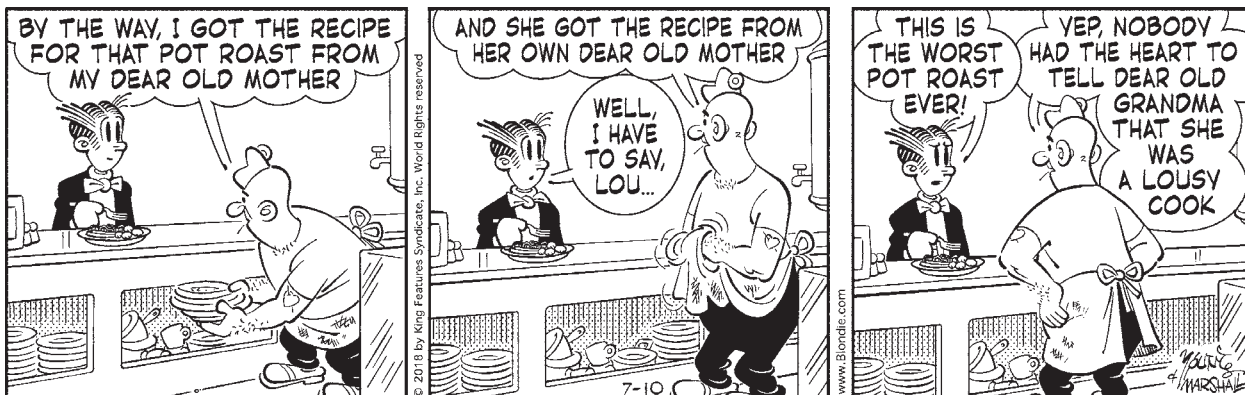
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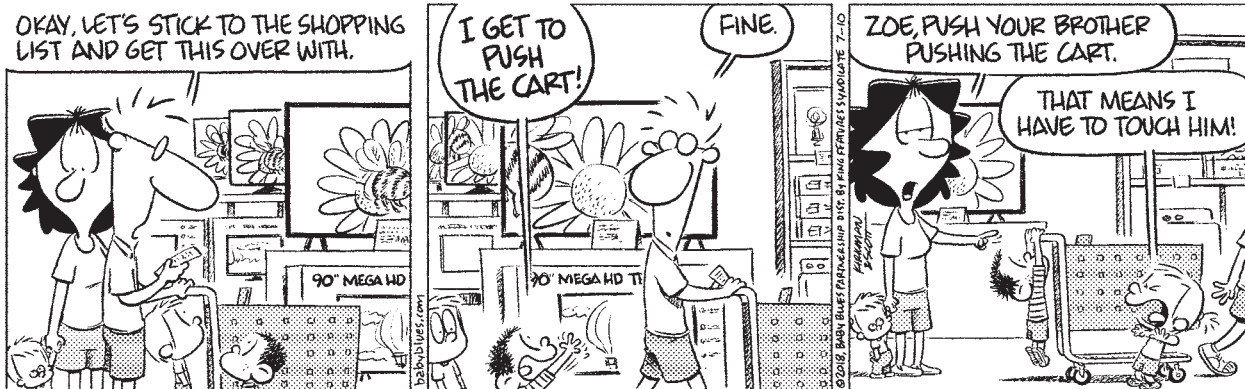
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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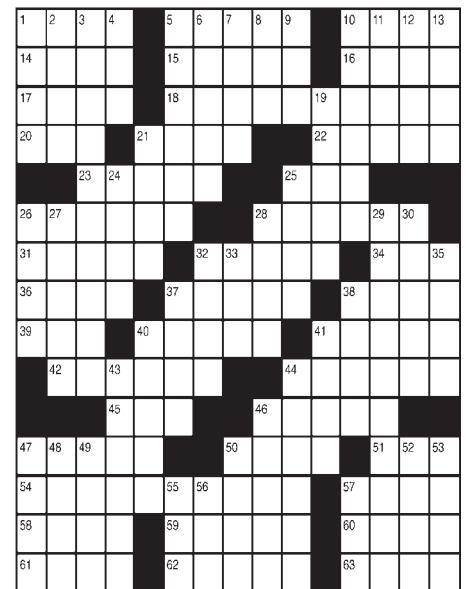
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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### ACROSS

- 1 In a \_\_; moody  
5 Three months ago  
10 Use a dagger  
14 "The \_\_ Ranger"  
15 Male bee  
16 Test \_\_; lab bottle  
17 A single time  
18 Defenseless  
20 Luau dish  
21 Grape bearer  
22 Actor Buddy  
23 Clamor  
25 Chum  
26 Polite person's word  
28 Cowboy competitions  
31 Vital artery  
32 Yes-man  
34 Compete  
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37 Hauls  
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39 \_\_ up; arrange  
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45 Floor covering  
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47 Scour  
50 Brown seaweed  
51 Cool \_\_ cucumber  
54 Stretchiness  
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59 Dutch flower  
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### Monday's Puzzle Solved

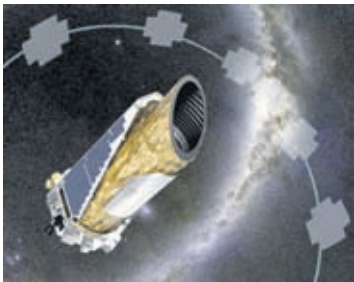
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This undated artist's concept provided by NASA shows the Kepler spacecraft. NASA's Kepler Space Telescope is almost out of fuel and has been forced to take a nap.

Associated Press

## NASA's Kepler Telescope almost out of fuel, forced to nap

By MARCIA DUNN, AP  
Aerospace Writer

NASA's Kepler Space Telescope is almost out of fuel and has been forced to take a nap. Flight controllers placed the planet-hunting spacecraft into hibernation last week to save energy. It will remain asleep until early August, when controllers attempt to send down the data collected before observations were interrupted. Kepler has been searching for planets outside our solar system for nearly a decade. Considered the pioneer of planet hunting, it's discovered nearly 3,000 confirmed worlds and as many potential candidates. Kepler's antenna must be pointed toward Earth to get the most recent observations back. For now, that's the team's highest priority. □

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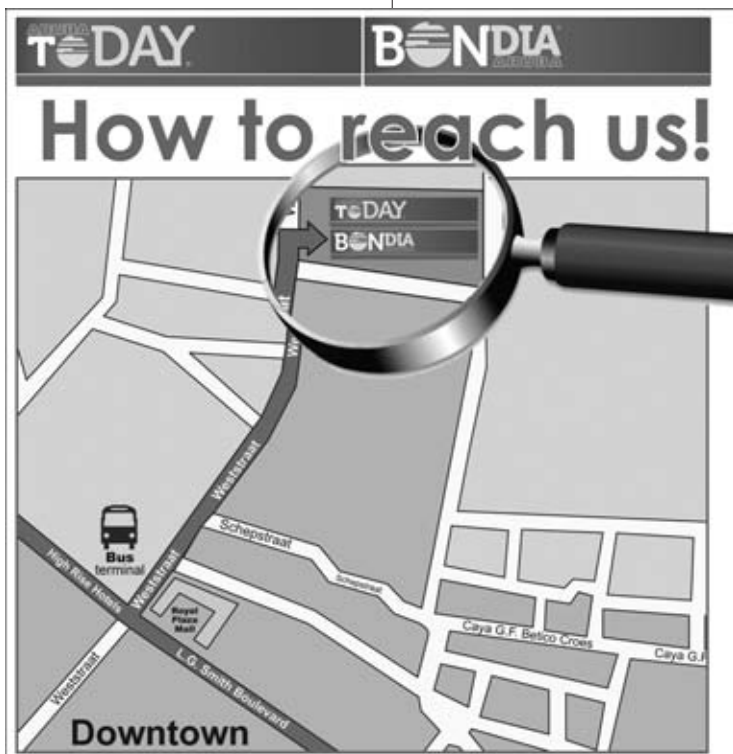
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# Psychology museum explores what makes us human

By MITCH STACY

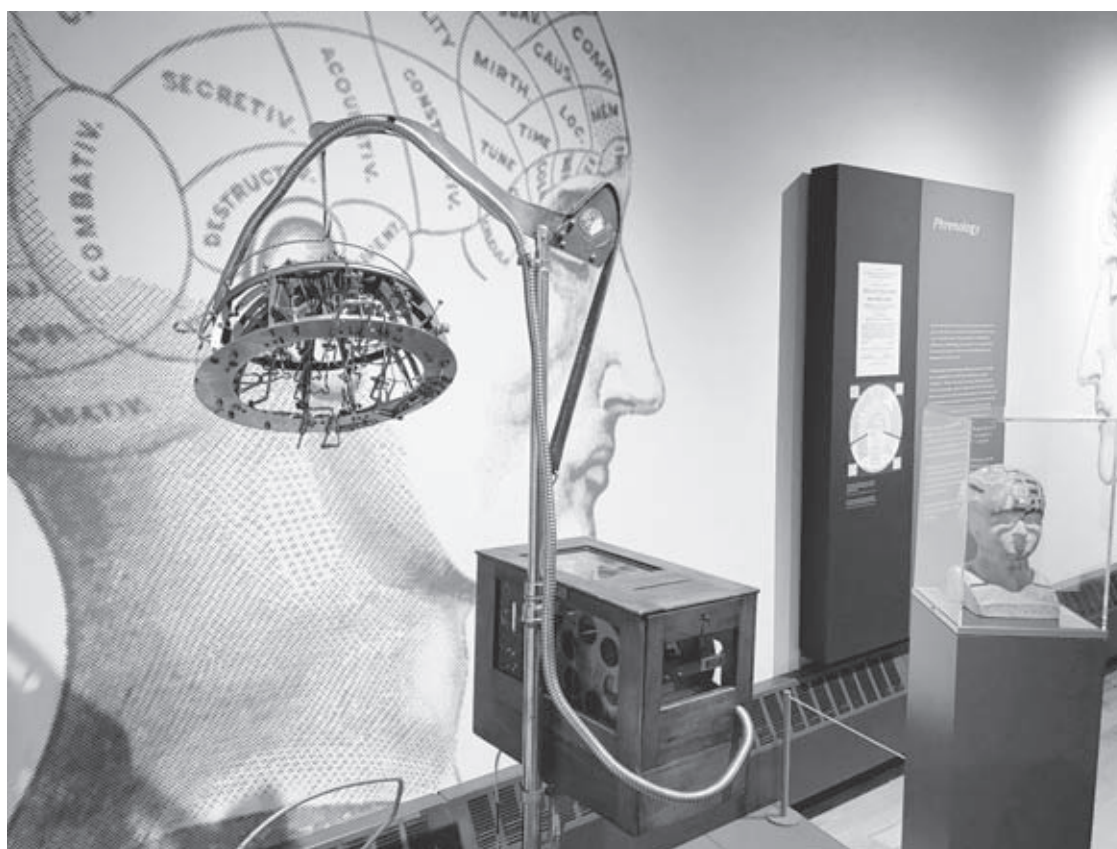
Associated Press

**AKRON, Ohio (AP)** — Wonder Woman's striking visage on large, bright screens just inside the new National Museum of Psychology tells visitors there's more here than dusty books and esoteric curiosities. Once past Wonder Woman, the 8,500-square-foot museum on the edge of the University of Akron's downtown campus takes a deep dive into the study of why people do what they do. The technical stuff — treatment of mental illness, the rise of talk therapy, etc. — is keenly balanced with the kind of interactive exhibits that are a requirement for any modern family museum.

Dennis Barrie, who developed it with his wife, Kathleen, already knew what it took to get people in the front door of a museum. He was co-creator of Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and a former executive director there. In recent years he worked on the International Spy Museum in Washington and the Mob Museum in Las Vegas.

He acknowledged the challenges in making psychology palatable to a mass audience.

"When I first met the team there and looked at their archives, which are extensive and for most of us



In this June 29, 2018, photo, a 19th-century device used by psychologists is displayed at the National Museum of Psychology in Akron, Ohio. The skullcap was supposed to measure the bumps on a person's head to determine mental traits.

probably too sophisticated in terms of knowledge and background, I did have those concerns," Barrie said. But the subject matter also gave him plenty of options. "There were things in everything we did that were indicators of a bigger story but allowed you to have fun and participate in the process," he said.

Visitors can put together a puzzle that was used as an intelligence test — known

in the early 20th century as a "moron test" — to assess the intellect of immigrants arriving in the U.S.

They can measure their reaction time against that of legendary slugger Babe Ruth. They can test their ability to multitask.

Displays tell the stories of how psychology has been used in everything from workplace efficiency to determining the level of caffeine in Coca-Cola and

marketing handguns to women.

"Psychology is literally everywhere in our world, and applied everywhere," Barrie said. "It's not just lying on a couch a la Freud, talking about your childhood memories."

Speaking of Sigmund Freud, there is a replica of the Vienna office where he pioneered psychoanalysis, along with some of his letters and rare home movies.

Associated Press

Oddities include a medieval-looking skullcap from the 19th century that measured the bumps on a person's head to determine intellectual traits. (Like many early psychological theories, that process, called phrenology, was later proved to be worthless.)

One of the most macabre items is a wooden cage known as a Utica Crib that was used in 19th-century asylums to keep patients from leaving their beds. Displayed nearby are gleaming medical picks that belonged to Dr. Walter J. Freeman, a physician who specialized in lobotomies and botched the procedure on Rosemary Kennedy, the sister of President John F. Kennedy.

Barrie's favorite exhibit includes memorabilia from the 1971 "Stanford prison experiment." The famous social psychology exercise involved breaking groups of students into guards and inmates in a mock prison scenario and claimed to show that each group adapted to its role in dramatic ways.

The museum's overarching theme is examining what makes us human.

"We hope," coordinator Dorothy Gruich said, "that people will come in and learn a little bit about themselves." □

## Oklahoma sees more severe earthquakes, fewer overall

**TULSA, Okla. (AP)** — Oklahoma's 4.0 earthquakes are up significantly this year, but the overall rate of earthquakes is declining.

Oklahoma has had six quakes of at least magnitude 4.0 halfway through this year, which is one more than all of last year. But the

overall rate of earthquakes has declined, with 96 quakes of magnitude 3.0 or greater through June 30, compared with 144 at this point last year and 302 by the end of 2017, the Tulsa World reported.

A magnitude 4.6 in April near Perry was the 12th

largest in state history.

Scientists are largely seeing earthquakes on unmapped faults that were activated in 2014 by wastewater injection, said state seismologist Jake Walter. Scientists are researching specific mechanisms by which the state's ongoing

seismicity is triggered, he said. Wastewater can trigger the initial earthquakes, but quakes themselves can lead to more quakes.

"So in some ways the wastewater injection has created a new paradigm that defies how we would categorize main shocks

and aftershocks if this were a fault that had slipped in a more natural setting," he said.

Walter said that Oklahoma's seismic risk appears to be similar to the latest hazard forecast put out by the U.S. Geological Survey in March.

The agency calculated Oklahoma's short-term hazard levels to be similar to active regions in California.

The chance of earthquake damage in high-hazard areas of Oklahoma this year ranges from 1 percent to 14 percent, "much higher" than most parts of the U.S. □

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## Actor Tab Hunter, star of 'Damn Yankees!' movie, dies age 86

By SHAWN MARSH  
Associated Press

Tab Hunter, the blond actor and singer who was a heartthrob for millions of teenagers in the 1950s with such films as "Battle Cry" and "Damn Yankees!" and received new attention decades later when he revealed that he was gay, has died. He was 86.

Producer and spouse Allan Glaser said Hunter died Sunday of a blood clot in his leg that caused cardiac arrest. Glaser called the death "sudden and unexpected."

Hunter was a star for several years. In addition to his hit movies, his recording of "Young Love" topped the Billboard pop chart in 1957. But in his 2005 memoir, "Tab Hunter Confidential: The Making of a Movie Star," Hunter recounted the stresses of being a love object to millions of young women when he was, in reality, a gay man.

"I believed, wholeheartedly — still do — that a person's happiness depends on being true to themselves," he wrote. "The dilemma, of course, that was being true to myself — and I'm talking sexually now — was impossible in 1953."

Among those stars honoring Hunter on Monday included Harvey Fierstein, who called Hunter a "gay icon" and a "true gentleman" on Twitter, adding, "We shared some good laughs back in the 80's. I was always fond of this dear man."

Zachary Quinto on Instagram also cheered Hunter's "vital and generous nature" and called him a "pioneer of self-acceptance" who moved through the world "with authenticity as his guide." GLAAD tweeted "Our hearts are with Tab's loved ones."

Born Arthur Andrew Kelm, his screen tab (slang for "name" at the time) was fabricated by Henry Willson, the same talent agent who came up with the names Rock Hudson and Rory Calhoun.

The legend goes that Willson said to the young man: "We've got to find something to tab you with. Do



In this Aug. 13, 2013 file photo, actor Tab Hunter arrives at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association Luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif.

you have any hobbies?" His client answered, "I ride horses. Hunters." Agent: "That's it! We'll call you Tab Hunter."

With no dramatic training, Hunter was cast in a minor role in the 1950 drama, "The Lawless." The fuss over the young actor began two years later when he appeared bare-chested opposite Linda Darnell in the British-made "Island of Desire." Soon his handsome face and muscular build appeared on magazine covers. Warner Bros., alert to the increasingly important youth market, signed him to a contract.

Hunter made a flurry of movies in the latter half of the 1950s, aimed at capitalizing on his popularity with young girls. The films included such war dramas as "Battle Cry" (with Van Heflin) and "Lafayette Escadrille" (Clint Eastwood in a small role). He made the Westerns "The Burning Hills" (Natalie Wood) and "They Came to Cordura" (Gary Cooper, Rita Hayworth). And he made romantic comedies like "The Pleasure of His Company" (Fred Astaire, Debbie Reynolds.) A highlight was the 1958

"Damn Yankees!," an adaptation of the hit Broadway musical with Gwen Verdon and Ray Walston in their Tony-winning New York roles and the original director, George Abbott, sharing direction with Stanley Donen.

Besides the movies, he displayed his athletic skills — he had been a figure skater as well as horseman — in a TV special, "Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates."

As with so many pop idols, his fans grew up and a new generation sought other favorites. His slide followed the classic pattern: to a television series ("The Tab Hunter Show," on NBC, 1960-62); European films ("The Golden Arrow") and cheap kid flicks ("Ride the Wild Surf.") In his memoir, he took pains to note that "Ride the Wild Surf" was his only beach-party movie; his "Operation Bikini," despite its title, was "yet another war movie."

Over the years, he also played small roles in "The Loved One," "The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean" and "Grease 2."

In the 1980s, he won new fans by appearing in cult movies with Divine, the

300-pound transvestite, notably John Waters' 1981 "Polyester" and Paul Bartel's 1985 "Lust in the Dust," co-produced by Hunter himself.

Of "Polyester," Hunter wrote: "Everybody got the joke. ... For both John and me, our collaboration paid huge dividends: I'd helped 'legitimize' his brand of movie, and he made me 'hip' overnight."

Hunter appeared on Broadway in 1964 in Tennessee Williams' "The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore" opposite the formidable Tallulah Bankhead. The play closed within days, and he said it was "completely buried under Tallulah's offhanded trademark campiness."

Hunter was born in 1931 in

New York City, the second son of a mechanic and his German immigrant wife. His father left the family two years later and the boy took his mother's name, Gelien. Young Arthur Gelien grew up in San Francisco and Long Beach, California, and joined the Coast Guard at 15, lying about his age.

While in New York, he saw Broadway plays and became interested in acting. Back in California, Willson arranged for a two-word role in a small Western, "The Lawless." He got \$500 and a new name.

In his memoir, he said that his career flourished despite some innuendo and smear articles in the scandal sheets — "clear evidence that despite its self-righteous claims, 'Confidential' magazine did not influence the taste and opinions of mainstream America."

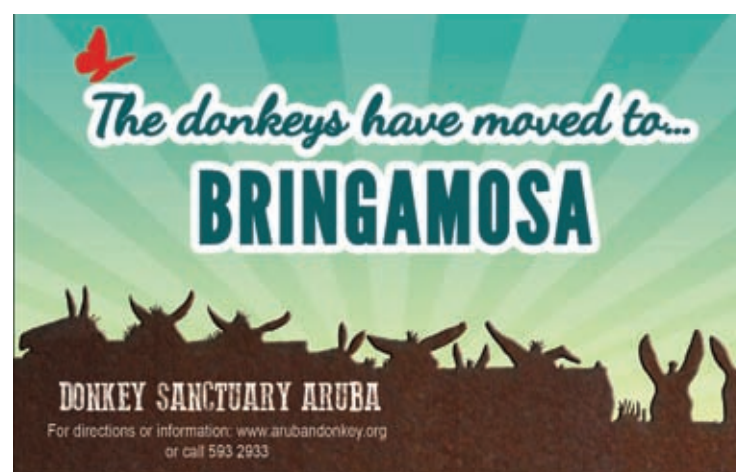
Writing the book was difficult, he told The Associated Press in 2005, "because I'm a really private person. I grew up full of denial. I just didn't like any suggestions or questioning of my sexuality."

In 1960, Hunter's boy-next-door reputation did take a hit when he was charged with cruelty for allegedly beating his dog. (He was acquitted). In recent years, Hunter appeared in dinner theaters and organized film projects.

After living on a ranch in New Mexico for a time, he took a home in Montecito in Santa Barbara County with Glaser.

He didn't dwell on his Hollywood career or regret losing it. "I had my fling, and I was very fortunate," he remarked. "But that's all in my past." □

Associated Press





# Seigner, Polanski's wife, refuses film academy invitation

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)**—In a seething open letter, French actress Emmanuelle Seigner refused the invitation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and voiced her support for her expelled husband, director Roman Polanski.

Seigner called the film academy's invitation "insufferable hypocrisy" in a letter published Sunday in the French newspaper *Le Journal du Dimanche*. Polanski was kicked out of the organization in May, along with Bill Cosby, for violating its newly instituted code of conduct.

Seigner was last month invited to join the academy, which is striving to diversify the membership that votes on the Academy Awards. The academy invited 928 entertainment industry professionals, 49 percent of whom are women.

"I have always been a feminist," wrote Seigner, the 52-year-old actress of "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" and "Venus in Fur." "But how can I ignore the fact that a few weeks ago the



In this Oct. 30, 2017 file photo, French actress Emmanuelle Seigner and French-Polish director Roman Polanski appear during the screening of "Based on a true story" in Paris.

Associated Press

Academy expelled my husband, Roman Polanski, in an attempt to appease the zeitgeist — the very same Academy which (in 2003) awarded him an Oscar for *The Pianist*! A curious case of amnesia!"

The film academy last year

adopted a code of conduct following the Harvey Weinstein scandal, which gave the organization's board of governors the power to vote out members. While the expulsion of Weinstein and Cosby were expected, Polanski's case

has long been more divisive in Hollywood.

The "Rosemary's Baby" and "Chinatown" filmmaker pleaded guilty in 1977 to unlawful sex with a 13-year-old girl. He fled the country while awaiting sentencing in 1978 and has since been

a fugitive from the United States. Last year, the former German actress Renate Langer told the Swiss police that Polanski raped her in 1972 when she was 15.

Seigner strongly took issue with critics of her husband, who she said has "been falsely slandered as a pervert" since he fled the U.S.

"The Academy probably thinks I am enough of a spineless, social climbing actress that I would forget that I have been married for the past 29 years to one of the world's greatest directors," wrote Seigner. "I love him, he is my husband and the father of my children. He has been cast out like a pariah. Yet these same nameless academicians think that I should 'mount the steps of glory' behind his back? The insufferable hypocrisy!"

She added: "This proposal is one insult too many. I cannot remain silent any longer. You offend me whilst claiming to want to protect women!"

The academy did not immediately return an email message seeking comment. □

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## Walmart yodel kid of viral video fame announces debut album



In this June 6, 2018, file photo, Mason Ramsey arrives at the CMT Music Awards at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.

By KRISTIN HALL  
Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — It was only a matter of time, just a couple of months actually, before a pre-teen boy captured in a viral video yodeling in a Walmart put out a record. Mason Ramsey, the adorable 11-year-old whose

version of a Hank Williams classic has been watched more than 50 million times on YouTube and spawned multiple remixes, will put out his first album on July 20.

Titled "Famous," the EP includes a mix of new songs and country classics, including the song that

made Mason an overnight Internet sensation, "Lovesick Blues."

Raised in the small town of Golconda, Illinois, Ramsey said his grandfather taught him to sing when he was 3 years old and he started performing at nursing homes, restaurants and fairs. "When I started to sing, I guess you could say it was good for a 3-year-old," Ramsey said in a telephone interview.

But it took him weeks to discover that his impromptu Walmart performance had gone viral because his family didn't have Internet access at their home. They got a call from producers with "The Ellen Show," and he was flown to Los Angeles — his first-ever plane ride — to be a guest on the show. □



## Filmmaker to open WWII education center in Rhode Island

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT

Associated Press

**PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)** — A filmmaker who shares the stories of World War II veterans is opening an education center in Rhode Island so students can learn about the war and meet the men who fought in it.

Tim Gray, founder of the nonprofit World War II Foundation, has made 21 documentaries and amassed a large collection of artifacts, including uniforms, helmets, documents, flags, maps and other items used in battle.

He has leased space in Wakefield, Rhode Island, and plans to open in September.

Gray envisions the center as a place where students and researchers can watch the films, hold the artifacts and talk to veterans he'll invite there.

World War II veteran Richard Fazio said he wants to tell students about his experiences. The 93-year-old Fazio piloted a boat that brought some of the first



In this June 22, 2018 photo, various uniforms from World War II are assembled with other personal items which are destined for a planned World War II education center in Wakefield, R.I.

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troops to Omaha Beach during the D-Day invasion.

"I want to let them know what a great country this is and how a lot of people

died to keep it free," said Fazio, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Gray said it will be an interactive way to preserve

veterans' stories so future generations don't forget their sacrifices. He'll lead discussions about the films, the collection and veter-

ans' oral histories.

"We really want them to experience the personal side of war and what it cost people," he said. "It's taking the best of what other museums do and combining it with what we do."

Gemma Birnbaum, at the National WWII Museum, said lessons from the war about global citizenship, empathy and immigration are relevant today. Birnbaum, director of the media and education center at the museum in New Orleans, said she's familiar with the foundation's plans in Rhode Island.

"They have an ability to reach a community that doesn't necessarily have access to these stories and this type of history," she said Friday. "There's a real need, so what they're doing is important."

There is a WWII museum in Natick, Massachusetts. A spokeswoman at the International Museum of World War II says they primarily host Massachusetts schools. □

## Alyson Hannigan plays TV mom to glitter-loving 'Fancy Nancy'

By LYNN ELBER

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Alyson Hannigan is clear about why she pursued a role on the "Fancy Nancy" TV series: Her daughters, ages 6 and 9.

Hannigan said there's a "love affair" between her family and the books by Jane O'Connor and Robin Preiss Glasser about a girl who doesn't believe in plain-wrap anything, especially words.

Hannigan was so intent on joining the Disney Junior animated series about the extravagant Nancy that she called her agent and said she'd take any role, including that of Frenchy the dog.

She was picked instead to play mom Claire (opposite Rod Riggle's dad Doug), adding another animated project to her varied list that includes "Robot Chicken," "American Dad!" and "Kim Possible."

Hannigan spoke with The



This March 2, 2018 photo released by Disney Junior shows characters Nancy and her mother Claire Clancey, voiced by Alyson Hannigan, from the animated series "Fancy Nancy."

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Associated Press about the series debuting 11 a.m. EDT Friday and shared a tongue-in-cheek scheme to revive the 2005-14 sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," in which she played Lily.

Remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

**AP:** What's the appeal of

the Fancy Nancy books?

**Hannigan:** I like the fact that it's a vocabulary lesson disguised in a very charming story.

I immediately saw my (older) daughter starting to use bigger words and fancier vocabulary. She still loves language, and so that

was wonderful. And it celebrates how passionate Nancy is for all the wonderful things in her world, and how her imagination is so vivid. And I love that it captures what childhood should be.

**AP:** Does the series echo those themes?

**Hannigan:** It's got such a good message. It's all about kids being kids, in an authentic way, and learning valuable lessons without it being preachy at all — just celebrating individual style and everything that that the imagination can hold. It really celebrates being a unique kid.

**AP:** Do you approach voicing an animated character differently when it's based on a book rather than created for the screen?

**Hannigan:** The family is very relatable to me, so I wasn't intimidated by these characters already out there. The mom is relatable because she's a stay-at-home mom with two kids and she's up for all the art projects.

I'm sure there's always a layer of glitter everywhere no matter how much she cleans, because she celebrates the kids' imagination and enthusiasm for all the projects they get themselves into. □



# Monument-filled, tourist-empty Extremadura is a Spanish gem

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**CACERES, Spain (AP)** — The flamenco strains were so haunting I asked the quintet of 20-somethings playing guitars on the doorstep of a massive, whitewashed centuries-old church if I could listen for a spell. "Sure. Want a sip?" one replied, offering the litrona — a quarter-gallon bottle of beer — they were sharing. Then they went back to jamming, their notes echoing up the steep, narrow lane in one of the most monument-filled, tourist-empty cities in the Iberian peninsula.

Caceres is a highlight of Extremadura, a Spanish region of vast sun-parched landscapes and untouched historical jewels exactly halfway between the ever-more-crowded capitals of Madrid and Lisbon, Portugal.

I spent a weekend there last October exploring Roman ruins, climbing up medieval towers and scarfing down plates of the famed local ham without seeing one tour group.

I traveled mostly on comfortable public buses that rolled through olive and oak tree-studded hills, past fortified towns and palm-fringed farms, stopping to pick up schoolchildren returning home and elderly couples going to market.

Every stop appealed — especially Trujillo with its castle — but I focused on three must-sees: Merida, Caceres and Guadalupe.



This October 26, 2017 photo shows the two-thousand-year-old Temple of Diana, one of the best preserved of the Roman monuments that fill Merida, Spain.

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res and Guadalupe.

## IMPERIAL POWER

This small city played a role in two of the world's great empires, Rome's and Spain's.

As their provincial capital, Romans filled Merida with public and private showpieces. Centuries later, many of the conquistadores that led Spain's dominion in the Americas came from this region (and returned to fill it with palaces). Just across the two-millennia-old, half-mile river bridge, stand a couple of monuments dedicated to Merida by Rome and by its

namesake city in Yucatan, Mexico.

Next to the monuments, in a fortress built by a ninth-century emir, I descended the steps of a water cistern decorated with Roman and Visigoth marble panels and carvings of leaves and grapes. Just past the bright-red bullfighting arena, in the Roman Casa del Mitreo, I marveled at the bright turquoise sea depicted in a 2,000-year-old floor mosaic representing the cosmos, including a sun figure with a crown of rays exactly like the Statue of Liberty.

There is a Circus Maximus so gigantic you can imagine thousands of spectators roaring as chariots sped down the straight. But what took my breath away was the Roman Theater, its stage wall decorated with exquisitely detailed floral elements and veined marble columns that glowed blue in the afternoon sun.

In the pedestrianized streets of the workaday downtown, I found the Augustus-era Temple of Diana, its huge colonnade framing a porticoed Renaissance palace — two empires literally fused.

**GOLD TREASURE**

Caceres' strawberry-gold walled monumental core hugs a hilltop, with hardly a single modern element among slender medieval towers and Renaissance

palaces covered in coats of arms. It looks perfect enough for a movie set, but still feels real — I watched a nun in a white habit and a briefcase hurry under a stone arch, not a selfie stick in sight. In Plaza de San Mateo, where a crested tower and a bell tower jostle for height, I chatted about U.S. presidential politics through a convent turnstile with the Kenyan sister selling me almond cookies.

Places to visit include the Santa Maria cathedral, full of conquistador tombs, around the corner from the Toledo-Moctezuma palace built by a mixed local-Aztec family, and the Casa de las Veletas museum, with an arch-lined Arabic aljibe (cistern).

But I found it hard to stop making laps up and down the entire town, following the sun as it marched across stern yet sumptuous facades, revealing sculpted stone details like grimacing gargoyles, lions holding an escutcheon, and a puffy-cheeked sun itself. □



This Oct. 27, 2017 photo shows the Royal Monastery of Guadalupe towering over the tiny mountain hamlet of Guadalupe in Spain's remote Extremadura region.

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This Oct. 27, 2017 photo shows the escutcheon on the Casa del Sol, a 16th-century palace in Caceres, a monument-filled hilltop town in Spain's Extremadura.

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